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'TIME IS RIGHT FOR A MARINA IN THE TOWN!' – INSISTS CAMPAIGNER

THE development of a marina in Barry is now a realistic objective, a leading regeneration campaigner has told The GEM.

Paul Haley, the chairman of Pride in Barry, said the project would change perceptions of the town and could be the

by TIM CHAPMAN

present generation's gift to people of the future.

Mr Haley told The GEM: "I am very optimistic about the future of Barry regeneration.

"The £9m that we first got is being used effectively, and I believe will provide leverage for more money to come into

generate revenue through moorings and provide a centre-piece for the Waterfront development.

He explained: "It is now the right time to press the case while the town is a regeneration area."

The critical requirement in order for a marina to go ahead is a 'locking mechanism' to allow boats in and out of the dock efficiently and the cost would be £20m.

Mr Haley believes that there is potential for five partners – the Welsh Government, the Vale Council, Persimmon, Associated British Ports and central government – to provide £4m each. The prize would be a contribution to the economic and cultural life of the town for decades.

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Mr Haley's comments have to be taken seriously. For years the town had good reason to feel neglected, with significant regeneration funds going elsewhere in Wales until a campaign by Pride in Barry helped deliver £9m and 'regeneration' status.

Mr Haley said a marina would create jobs,

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Island paddling pool project could happen

THE plan to recreate a tidal paddling pool at Barry Island was set to take a tentative step forward yesterday, at a meeting taking place as The GEM was going to press.

A cabinet meeting of the Vale Council was considering a plan to grant a lease to the @barryisland Community Interest Company, a community group that wants to take on the challenge of building a new pool.

However, the report being considered is not suggesting committing any council money, so the community will need to design, fund, build and manage the paddling pool.

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Bat houses part of MoD 'dysfunction'

THE MoD is "bloated and dysfunctional"; its defence procurement programme is "delusional"... good on Defence Minister, Liam Fox, for such straight talking.

Blind acceptance by the MoD of consultants who tell them to spend £128,000 on bat houses (five houses at £85,000 each was another figure) is part of the dysfunction.

Another part was their stubborn refusal to consider down-scaling and re-design of the Defence Technical College, to dispense with the access road across the Llanmaes meadows, as the community was demanding.

Instead, they should have genuinely studied David Harris's technically-backed proposal to rebuild the West Camp access from the B4265 and include a rail station.

But worse was the MoD's refusal to scale down space and building

ALF SAYS 100 ‘THANK YOU’S!’

IWOULD like to say a sincere 'thank you' to all those kind people who sent me cards for my 100th birthday (over 100 received!) and I was not forgotten by the Welsh Assembly and the Minister of Pensions.

I am indebted to The GEM for the publicity it gave through Don John, after the family get-together for the birthday.

dinner at the Blue Anchor Inn. Thank you, Sir!

Some members of the churches at Porthkerry and Rhoose had invited me to be present at the Rhoose church last Sunday evening, to share some memories and a little tea with them and members of Bethel Baptist church at Barry have laid on a little lunch for me on Wednesday of this week.

God bless you all.
Alfred Mills,
Barry.

Campaign goes on'

MAY we, through the pages of your newspaper, thank all those residents of Barry and beyond who signed our petition against the development of land at White Farm, and who also displayed our 'Keep White Farm Green' posters in their window.

We also welcome the decision of the Vale of Glamorgan's planning

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‘Make cemetery a conservation area’

THE Woodland Trust member, whose letter was published in last week's GEM, was right to point out the 'pent-up' frustration in the community about how the Vale Council makes many of its planning decisions, particularly relating to green sites like White Farm.

That concern could be partly remedied if both the Barry Town Council and the Vale Council joined forces with the local community, with regard to the future of Cemetery Approach and Barry Cemetery itself.

Both councils, I believe, are discussing the possible transfer of the Cemetery Approach land to the town council for cemetery purposes.

I urge both councils to keep in mind the fact that the land at Cemetery Approach is

open space and was given to the people of Barry by the British government in 1954.

The Save Cemetery Approach Action Group, of which I was secretary, collected nearly 11,400 signatures in helping to prevent the destruction of this open space for housing development.

Barry Town Council supported the action group and what an opportunity now beckons.

Why can't the cemetery and its approach be declared a conservation area, using the open space of the approach itself to promote community activities?

The Save Cemetery Approach Action Group suggested to the borough council that there should be a local community project involving both councils, local people and interested parties.

There could be a community garden for children and disabled citizens, an allotments 'shop' where produce grown on the adjacent

land could be sold to local people, a memorial garden linked to the cemetery, a play area.

The Woodland Trust and RSPB could also become involved.

Unfortunately, we did not even receive a

response from the borough council. This could become a vibrant and life-enhancing project if someone had the courage to grasp the nettle.

Derek Hooper,
Barry.

‘Barry enterprise zone is vital to future of the Vale’

IFELT that I should write to confirm that the Vale of Glamorgan Council is making the case as strongly as possible to Welsh Government Ministers for Barry to become an 'enterprise zone'.

It is our view that 'enterprise zones' should be created where there are existing and functioning regeneration areas.

Barry is a successful regeneration area but much more could be done to help our businesses if Barry was also an enterprise zone.

There is little doubt, for example, that if our businesses did not have to pay business rates, they would be much better placed to deal with persistently difficult

trading conditions. I therefore ask the new Government in Cardiff not to ignore enterprise zones merely because they have been proposed by a central Government led by Conservatives and Liberal Democrats.

It is essential that our Government here in Wales takes action as soon as possible in order to ensure that we do not 'lose out'. I would also ask that everyone supports the call for Barry to become an enterprise zone.

There is little doubt in my mind that this would be hugely beneficial, not only to the people of Barry, but also for the future prosperity of the Vale of Glamorgan.

Coun Rhodri Traherne
(Cabinet member for economic development and regeneration)

‘Wenvoe at War’ honours heroes

IN response to Christopher Short's comments, and subsequently those of Gavin Davies, about the illegibility of names on our war memorial, I would agree that some are becoming difficult to read.

It is a matter we in the Wenvoe History Group have recently discussed and are trying to resolve.

It may be of interest to readers that we have just published 'Wenvoe at War' – which includes a complete list of all the names inscribed on the memorial stone.

Casualties of World War I are recorded and unusually, also the

names of villagers who served in the armed forces during the conflict.

It differs from the usual memorial in that it is a locally hewn upright monolithic stone in contrast to those depicting a soldier in battle dress. It also records those who died in the Second World War.

It is this war that is the subject of our publication, an observation of life during the war years based on the memories of the younger villagers at that time, together with school and other records.

It is available to purchase from the Wenvoe Village Stores and the Cowbridge Book Shop. Brian Jones, Wenvoe.

‘Bags could lead to criminal charge’

IWRITE with reference to the inappropriate placing of black bin bags for collection on non-collection weeks.

Since my division has implemented weekly kitchen food collections to all our customers, almost all the householders have been excellent in embracing the new service, together with its associated fortnightly residual black bin bags collections.

However, there are still a limited number of our residents who think that if they place their bin bags out on a weekly basis we will still collect them on this basis.

I am sorry to have to say that this is simply not the case, and those householders who do put their refuse out on non-collection weeks, are more likely to face a home visit from one of our enforcement team than have their black bin bags sent to landfill.

Ignoring the fact that anyone dumping their black bin bags on our streets shows a total disregard for their neighbours and the neighbourhood in which they reside, it is also a criminal offence that could result in a fine for persistent offenders or even

a prosecution through the courts.

All residents who participate in our recycling and composting services should not need a residual black bag collection service over and above that provided.

Our current service arrangements are supported by our Government's 'blue print' for collection services.

We understand that there may be extenuating factors that result in a requirement for the immediate disposal of residual waste, and in such cases this waste can be taken to one of our two household waste recycling centres at Hayes Road (shortly to move to the Atlantic Trading Estate, Barry) and Llandow. Here it can be disposed of free of charge.

I would, therefore, implore our residents to act responsibly in helping us recycle and compost everything possible.

If they follow our recycling processes, there should be no need to dump black bin bags on our streets on a weekly basis.

CS Parish
(Operational manager waste management and cleansing Rheolwr Gwraith Rheoli Gwastraff a Glangau)

Forgotten landmark!

THREE are a few landmarks in and around Barry which have been restored.

Most of them are fairly big and expensive to renovate and not everyone will see or visit these places.

But a lot of people pass the lovely horse trough in Broad Street, opposite Barry Train station and I wonder how many have ever noticed it?

I would love to see it cleaned and restored, as it is such an unusual feature.

Gisela Linton, Barry

Bus lane blind spot

FURTHER to the recent letter by Margo Farbrace, the generally excellent Vale Council clearly has a blind spot regarding what used to be called road works.

The only beneficiaries of the ludicrous bus lane are white vans and taxis, which use it to jump the queue.

Meanwhile, ancient potholes remain unfilled... Jeremy Downing, Dinas Powys

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL JULY 14)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Portcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20–25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
07 Thur			12.31	8.9
08 Fri			01.15	8.9
09 Sat	01.40	8.7	14.15	8.3
10 Sun	02.45	8.4	15.25	8.2
11 Mon	04.02	8.2	16.45	8.3
12 Tues	05.18	8.3	17.55	8.6
13 Wed	06.24	8.6	18.53	9.1
14 Thur	07.20	8.9	19.45	9.5

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

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MAN DENIES ATTACKING GIRLFRIEND

Hung jury in Barry couple assault case

AFTER retiring for nearly four hours, a jury at Cardiff Crown Court failed to agree in a case in which a Barry man denied attacking his girlfriend with a wooden meat tenderiser.

The case against Craig Gibson (21) of Robins Lane, was adjourned for the prosecution to decide whether there should be a retrial.

He had pleaded not guilty to one charge of assaulting Holly Hamilton (26) causing actual bodily harm.

He was found not

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

guilty of one charge of causing her actual bodily harm on another occasion.

Prosecutor David Thomas said the couple had been in a relationship. He claimed that Gibson attacked Miss Hamilton in a room at the Radisson Hotel in the centre of Cardiff.

It was alleged that he had lost his temper, pulled her hair and put a blanket over her head.

On another occasion, claimed Mr Thomas, he again pulled her hair, put his hands over her mouth and struck her with a meat tenderiser.

causing her to suffer a cut eye and bruising.

Police Constable Alan Harding said he interviewed Gibson who told him they had had an argument in the hotel, and that Miss Hamilton tried to attack him. "As she always does," he said.

He added: "That's it, that's all that happened."

He said he attempted to restrain her and had been scammed, and had the scars to prove it.

Later, he said, he drove her home in his car.

The allegations

about the subsequent assault were false, he said, because he told her he was going to end the relationship.

He describes her as a violent person, and denied ever being jealous and possessive.

The second incident, he said, involved an argument over some "bul..."

He said she had gone mad and he had restrained her.

Gibson denied taunting her, kicking her, and said she had tried to scream his face.

At no time, he said, had he struck her with a tenderiser, and he denied saying he was trying to kill her.

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Transformation of local community centre will begin at end of August



ABOVE: Coun Anthony Ernest with Eileen Moore of Castleland's Drop In Centre, lead architect Chris Brimble of Arden Kitt Associates and local residents who are excited that work will start on renovating the community centre shortly.

The project costing almost half a million pounds to transform Castleland Community Centre will start in August.

It will mean that the local community will at last have a modern, state-of-the-art facility for the many groups

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who use it on a regular basis.

Three years ago the community won a £496,000 Lottery grant for the work to be done, but legal and design delays followed.

A delighted Eileen

Moore, the Drop In

will be closed until the work is complete, although the annexe, toilets and kitchen will still be available to help user groups.

The exciting part of the design for the new building is that it will be on two levels rather than one.

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Bubbles and rain drops at Sully school summer barbecue!

RIGHT: It's only a drop of water!

PUPILS, parents and teachers at Sully school braved an extra wet fundraising barbecue – to raise hundreds of pounds for the school!

As some parents and children endured the rain outside, an amazing bubble show took place inside the hall, with some lucky youngsters even having the chance to go inside a giant bubble!

The school's Parent Teacher Association organised the event to raise money to buy additional equipment and resources.

Headteacher, Mrs Hart, said: "The barbecue was a sell-out and although the weather wasn't quite as we hoped, parents, pupils and staff had a very enjoyable evening thanks to the hard work of the PTA."

"The PTA has recently been able to donate funds raised from a number of fund raising activities to the school to provide outdoor teaching space, to upgrade



the cloakroom area for the reception classes, as well as providing other much needed resources."

Chris Fletcher, PTA Chairman, added: "We raised £600 in two hours with the generous support of the parents and friends of Sully school."

"We are extremely grateful to everyone who came to the barbecue, despite the weather, and to those who helped during the evening. It is great that we are

able to boost the school's funds and also have a great time.

"It is always good to see the children having so much fun. Many thanks go to Funky Monkey Entertainments of Penarth for putting on such an amazing show for the children, for the second year running."

The PTA's next event is the summer fete from 2pm-5pm on Saturday July 9, to which all are invited.



Giant bubbles entertain children inside the school hall.



Braving the rain, but having fun!

Community centre set to transform after grant

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Downstairs will include a computer suite, a training room, a community cafe and offices, while upstairs will house a sports hall.

A recent visitor to Casteland was Coun Anthony Ernest, Vale cabinet member tourism and leisure, who met

the lead architect Chris Brimble of Arden Kitt Associates, and local residents who are thrilled that the project is about to take shape.

Mrs Moore said: "It is very exciting, and we want to thank the Vale Council which has been so supportive."

An application for £49,225 has also been

made to the Barry Regeneration Fund in the hope that the exterior of the building can be updated too, and enable a car park to be built alongside the community centre.

Coun Anthony Ernest of the Vale Council said: "The council is pleased to see investment in a key community building. We hope it will provide increased opportunities for local people to participate in a wide range of activities."

Casteland councillor, Chris Elmore who is a member of the community centre association

said: "I am delighted that a start date for the work has been agreed – it is something that a small group of dedicated individuals have been working towards for years and I congratulate them on everything they have achieved."

"It hasn't been an easy process so getting a start date is an incredible achievement. The centre is in desperate need of redevelopment and this will see new facilities and opportunities for the local and wider community once the improvements are complete."

FLORAL DEMO

BARRY Floral Society is at the St Nicholas Hall, St Nicholas Road, Barry, on Tuesday, July 12 at 2.15pm.

Mrs Elizabeth Graham of Lower Machen will give a demonstration 'Traveller's Joy'. New members are always made welcome.

Guild learn about life in WAAF

AT the last Penarth Townswomen's Guild meeting, the speaker was Mrs Eileen Younghusband

She gave a full account of her very interesting life in the WAAF, along with a film on 'the scope and purpose of the filter room'.

Before joining the WAAF, she saw an advert in 'Lady' magazine for an au pair in France, and worked there until May 1938, when she was sent home following the Munich crisis.

At 19 years of age, she volunteered to join the WAAF, did her initial training at a camp in Gloucester, and then moved to Leighton Buzzard.

She worked in filter rooms around Britain, where radar information was collected which identified enemy aircraft and also warned of air raids.

Information in the filter room was used to locate Allied pilots in distress, and also helped to launch air-sea rescues.

They worked an eight-hour shift underground in the filter room.

The work was so secret that she couldn't discuss it with other colleagues.

Five weeks after getting married, she was sent to Belgium, as she spoke fluent French and worked as an interpreter at a concentration camp, where she saw some terrible sights.

She has written two books, the latest being *One Woman's War*, to ensure that other women like her, and their work in the filter room, would be recognised and not forgotten.

Dame Vera Lynn and Emma Soames have both contributed to this book.

Mrs Younghusband has also been filmed for a documentary series 'D Day to Berlin', which is to be screened on Channel 4 later this year.

The next Guild meeting will be on Monday, July 11 when there will be a strawberry cream tea.

WRVS fair

THE WRVS branch in Penarth is holding a summer fair on Tuesday, July 12 at the Paget Rooms in the town.

Doors are open at 1.30pm. Tickets (50p) include tea and biscuits.

There will be stalls and a raffle.

NEW PRESIDENT TAKES OVER AT THE ROTARY CLUB



ABOVE: ROTARY LINE-UP IN BARRY

THE Rotary Club of Barry held its hand-over dinner meeting on Thursday, June 30 in Mount Sorrel Hotel, where the outgoing president Mr Ceri Griffiths handed over the chain of office to Mr David Ball, the new president for 2011/12.

Having been invited to join the Barry Rotary Club several years ago by past president Richard Gibbons, he has become a very popular and well respected member.

His enthusiasm for the Rotary movement, whose motto is 'Service above Self', will ensure that during the coming

year the club will continue to successfully raise funds in order to support those less fortunate in the local community through youth and senior projects while also continuing to support Rotary's worldwide eradication of polio project supported by Bill Gates.

In addition to these projects, members will have the opportunity to enjoy the fellowship that Rotary offers through a wide range of social events during the year.

Speaking after the hand-over, president David thanked everyone for attending on such a special night, saying that he was positive about the future of the club and

friendships, which are such an important part of the Rotary movement.

Also taking up their new chains of office were Mr. John Shapland (president-elect for 2012/13) and Mr. Derek Wolfe (president-nominee for 2013/14) while Mr. Carl Kerr and Mr. Peter Chaffey were re-appointed secretary and treasurer.

The Rotary Club of Barry is keen to welcome new members – men and women – in order to carry on the good work.

Club members meet on Thursday evenings at 6.30pm in the Mount Sorrel Hotel.

For further information, contact the club secretary Mr. Carl Kerr on 01446 736641.

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'Lost engineer was my uncle'

THE timing of Dr Jonathan Hicks' story in The GEM last week, concerning the sinking of the SS Trevera and the courage and leadership of Captain Cecil Foster and his crew, could not have been better.

Mrs Younghusband has also been filmed for a documentary series 'D Day to Berlin', which is to be screened on Channel 4 later this year.

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from the chief officer's boat, was my great uncle, David John Mordecai (above, rear right). There is a memorial stone book on his parents' grave near the entrance to Merthyr Dyfan cemetery.

The letter concerning the Wenveo war memorial and its poor condition leads me to say that the names on it deserve better. I would suggest the good people of Wenveo have a whip-round and follow the lead of St Helen's RC church in Barry.

Canon Pat and parishioners and friends raised the considerable sum and the memorial was refurbished.

The war memorial at St Helen's was the first put up after World War One and I think it tells you something about the kind of people who worship there.

GEOFFREY LEE,
Barry



'Court closure has not been thought out' – COUNCILLOR CLAIMS

A BARRY councillor has warned that the decision to close the Vale Magistrates Court in Thompson Street is misconceived, and will make attending court a problem for people in the future.

When the court does close – and it could be by the end of the year – cases will be heard in Cardiff rather than Barry, resulting in longer journeys for defendants, witnesses and local solicitors.

Chris Elmore, in whose Castlemend ward the court sits, said the closure had not been thought through.

"I don't understand how the Justice Secretary expects people to get to Cardiff Magistrates Court.

Appeal following severed cables

POLICE in Barry are appealing for information following a spate of damage to telegraph poles.

Around 17 telegraph poles were targeted in Trebarne Road, O'Donnell Road, Holland Way, Islwyn Way, Duffynllt Road and Pencoedtre Road overnight on June 21-22. The suspects cut through telephone and broadband cables.

PC Darren Fenton of the Barry neighbourhood policing team said: "Whoever committed

this crime has made a concerted effort to disrupt telephone and broadband services in the area.

"We believe the culprit has used bolt cutters to cut the cables where they emerge from the trunking at a height of 7ft 6ins from the ground."

"I would appeal to any witnesses or anyone with information about who committed this damage to contact the police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111."

"First they would have to get a bus to Llantwit and then get a bus or train into Cardiff before walking across to the courts."

Coun John pointed out that the best will in the public transport was never 100 per cent reliable and it would mean people having to leave home as early as 8am for a 10am hearing.

"And then, when they arrive, it could be adjourned after five minutes!" he pointed out. "What has happened is very sad for the Vale."

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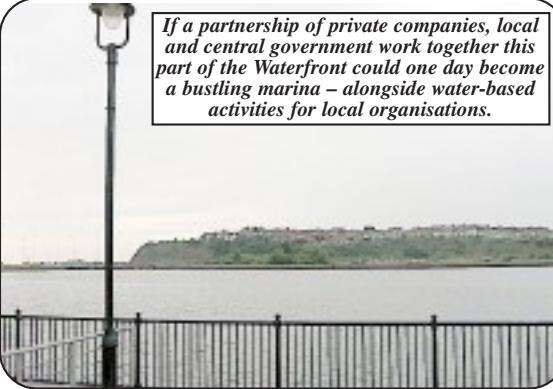
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If a partnership of private companies, local and central government work together this part of the Waterfront could one day become a bustling marina – alongside water-based activities for local organisations.

by TIM CHAPMAN

sion to close it is wrong."

Both the Conservative MP, Alun Cairns and Labour's Assembly Member, Jane Hutt, made representations to the Court Service in a bid to guarantee its future.

The Conservative controlled Vale Council also made a legal challenge to closure using the route of a judicial review – however, three weeks ago, judges found there was "no error in law" by the Lord Chancellor in closing the court.

The Court Service insists the court closures will produce a more modern and efficient service.

However, Coun Elmore's argument found favour with Llantwit Major councillor Gwyn John, who slammed the Coalition Government after judges backed its decision to close the court.

Coun Gwyn John said: "It is dreadful what has happened. Barry, the biggest town in Wales, is to be denied a magistrates court, but not only will the people of the town suffer, people further afield in areas like the western Vale will too."

"Kenneth Clark and his pals in London are hitting people in Wales left, right and centre."

He added: "If people are reliant on public transport and have to attend court in Cardiff, it could be particularly difficult for those in outlying areas like Marcross, Monkash, St Donat's and St Bride's."

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Mr Haley believes that bite-sized chunks of funding from a number of parties makes the project attractive and realistic.

He explained: "It would be the legacy of this generation to the future of Barry, and could be the longest lasting of all the regeneration projects."

POPULAR

Waterside developments have become popular ways across the country of generating local economic activity. So much so, that a Northamptonshire town is even considering plans to bring the water to them!

The Grand Union canal runs within two and a half miles of Daventry and the district council wants to build a spur off it so that boats and barges can be moored in a waterside area in the town with shops and restaurants alongside it which will attract visitors.

Barry may need a 'locking mechanism' but in other respects much of the infrastructure and water is already there.

Mr Haley said that his dream was to one day see Barry as a self sufficient town with its own facilities and major employers, so that people lived and worked locally rather than having to be commuters into Cardiff.

Waterfront redevelopment could be set for a new momentum if councillors are enthused by they are due to assess from the Barry Waterfront Consortium.

Today, Thursday, July 7, major planning applications for the £230m regeneration of the Waterfront, which include a new link road to Barry Island, a primary school, hotel, supermarket and a Waterfront area of cafés and restaurants, as well as 2,000 new homes, are

being considered by the Vale's planning committee. Premier Inns has also unveiled the design for a new 80 bedroom hotel, restaurant and pub at the Innovation Quarter which the Leader of the Vale Council, Coun Gordon Kemp has welcomed.

Richard Keogh of the Barry Waterfront Consortium, which is a major player in future development in the town, reacted positively to Mr Haley's remarks.

"The Barry Waterfront Consortium, Persimmon Homes, Barratt Homes and Taylor Wimpey – is excited about the prospect of the development of a marina as an example of the 'spring-board effect' that a £230m regeneration scheme could deliver for Barry.

"Although the expanse of water and the

'Marina should be built in Barry'

PRIDE IN BARRY CHAIRMAN SAYS

the then Welsh Assembly Government, Associated British Ports and the consortium who are seeking to develop Barry Waterfront."

Mr Thomas stressed: "The current proposals for the Waterfront exclude the area known as the Mole which is ideally located to take advantage of the dock and to maximise the use of the water for recreation and leisure."

"As a consequence any future proposals for the Mole will need to seriously consider and facilitate the use of the dock for recreation and water based activities."

Mr Thomas added: "The council will also continue to maximise opportunities for the dock area through its contribution to the work of the Barry Regeneration Board."

"This has included discussions about the potential use of a new community facility that is being proposed as part of The Quays scheme."

He added: "As the consortium, our prime objective has been and continues to be the delivery of The Quays regeneration scheme, which goes before the planning committee today, but still has a long way to go with some significant challenges ahead."

"We will continue to engage with all organisations that have a vested interest in the positive

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PICTURED: Neighbourhood police officers, Coastguard and Barry Lifesavers at the launch of the 2011 Wristband initiative on Barry Island.

Safety wrist bands for resort kids

VALE police, HM Coastguard and Vale Lifeguards were at Barry Island to launch this year's 'Child Safety Wrist-band' initiative.

"The wrist-bands have been designed to cut down the time a lost child spends separated from

his or her parents or guardians. The brightly coloured band includes a space for a mobile phone number or other relevant details, so if a child does become separated and is found, their parent or guardian can be contacted immediately," said Barry Neighbourhood Inspector Louise Davies.

"Barry Island is extremely popular with families during the summer months and this initiative will promote safety and help to reduce the distress caused by youngsters going missing."

"I would encourage all visitors to the area to make use of one of these wrist-bands for their children."

FIXED PENALTY FINES FOR THREE VALE DOG OWNERS

VALE dog owners have been fined for failing to clean up after their animals.

The council's waste management and cleansing team issued three £75 fixed penalty notices in Barry and St Athan during the week commencing June 19.

Six dogs were also removed from Whitmore Bay at Barry

Island, where the summer dog ban is in place, and the dogs' owners were given warnings.

The council warns it will take legal action against dog walkers who flout the summer ban on dogs on certain Vale beaches.

Coun Geoff Cox, cabinet member for visible and building services at the council, said: "Under the Dogs

(Fouling of Land) Act 1996, three Vale residents have been issued with penalties over a few days.

"Should they refuse to pay their fine, they can be prosecuted and may face a court appearance with a maximum penalty of £1,000.

"Dog owners are legally bound not to allow their pets to foul at random in public areas – our beaches, parks and pathways are precious and used by old and young; negligent behaviour of pet owners will not be tolerated."

Senior enforcement officer, Denny White, commented: "If you are a dog owner you must clean up after your dog. Quite simply, remember to take a couple of bags before you go out on your dog walk."

"You may collect a few, free, blue doggy poop bags from some council offices and libraries, but providing poo bags and picking up after your dog is part and parcel of being a responsible dog owner.

"Once you've scooped the poop, simply tie the bag and place it in any council bin – it is okay to put bagged waste in general litter bins.

"Picking up after your dog, or if you are walking someone else's dog, is your responsibility; there really are no excuses for not doing so."

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Summer show rocks in Barry!

BARRY Arts held its annual summer show Rock the Boat recently at The Barry Arts Hall in Winston Road.

The show was set on a Pirate radio station and took the audience on a trip down memory lane, with memorable music, song and dance.

Jack, played by Jack James, was taken back to the future by Todd, (Callum Lavin) and Sid (Tom Coburn) with a contrast of rock and roll and soul music from the pirate radio sta-

tions Caroline and Atlanta.

The audience showed their appreciation by clapping and singing along. Changing Scene Dance Company (Amy Bedford, Chloe Davies, Nicole Deol, Elinor Robinson and Demi Lee Gulliver) provided an excellent array of dance and colour, choreographed by Emma Lee Wagner.

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Questions on the table as Assembly starts negotiations

HOW should Wales be financed? Do we get our fair share of the UK cake? Should we set some of our own taxes? Should Wales be able to borrow money?

These are all issues that will be discussed with UK government over the next few months

Some two years ago now, the then Assembly Government set up a Commission to look at all these things, and it delivered its final report last summer.

It found that Wales should be getting £300 million more every year from London (our present budget is about £15.7 billion). Our position is that this needs to be dealt with, and soon.

At the moment, different parts of the UK receive their money through a mechanism called the Barnett formula. It was devised in 1979 so it's now out of date.

Wales does reasonably well out of it, but not anything like as well as Scotland. We think that should change, and Wales should get the £300 million a year that the evidence shows we're entitled to.

The next question for us is whether Wales should take more responsibility for the money raised here in tax. Before we get to that, though,



by First Minister Carwyn Jones

we need to look at the question of borrowing.

Northern Ireland can borrow money up to a limit.

Scotland will soon be able to do the same. The UK government can borrow money to finance projects in England, but in Wales, the Welsh Government can't borrow, even though councils can.

Of course, you only borrow money to pay for big one-off projects like new roads or hospitals, not to pay for your everyday expenditure.

Imagine a street with four neighbouring houses. Three of them borrow money for new extensions or house improvements. The fourth can't.

Wales is that fourth house, and I don't think that makes sense. We should be able to borrow for infrastructure projects such as rail and road, but up to a limit, remembering that the money has to be paid back.

What about tax? I don't believe we should seek powers to vary income tax. There are great practical problems and I've no doubt that people would think that they would see their taxes go up. I suspect there would also have to be another referendum on that issue and we've only just had one on devolution.

There are other taxes that would be useful to get powers over though, such as air passenger duty, which we could use to help the airports; landfill tax and the aggregates levy, and stamp duty.

Imagine for example what could be done for housebuyers if that could be reduced for a while.

Finally, we have corporation tax, which is the tax levied on businesses. This is a tempting proposition because we could reduce business taxes and help to create jobs.

The downside, though, is that a big reduction in corporation tax would mean less money in the Welsh budget and so less money for schools and hospitals.

In time, more businesses would be created who would pay tax, and the money should then come back into Welsh coffers, but this would take time.

Interesting time ahead, though.

Carwyn Jones is the AM for Bridgend.

Our duty is to protect vulnerable, and allow young people to speak!

OVER the past few weeks, I have had the pleasure and privilege of meeting with young people during school visits to the Senedd, visited schools and attended events led by young people who have something important to say which can influence policy directly in the Welsh Government.

As Finance Minister and Leader of the House, I have the opportunity to feed this back to fellow Ministers, officials and Assembly Members.

It is exciting that we now have a children and young people's committee of the Assembly Members and a children's minister, Gwenda Thomas AM, with whom I meet regularly.

'Vale Youth Speaks Up' was the title of the event held last week in the Memorial Hall Theatre in Barry to celebrate the work of Vale People First and learn more about the workshops for young people with additional learning needs that have been held throughout the

Vale. The evening started with the premiere showing of a film made by young people with learning disabilities called *The Rights Fighters* which featured the 'Superheroes' who challenged the discrimination, bullying and ignorance that too many young people experience.

The film was devised by the young people who are members of Vale People First, based at the Barry YMCA HUB. I am proud to be a trustee of Vale People First and was delighted to open the evening's events.

Although the film was addressing very serious and hurtful issues, based on experience, the young people put their case over with a great deal of humour and enjoyment, which was very powerful in its impact.

Mencap campaign

Only a fortnight ago, I spoke at the launch of a new Mencap campaign, which featured the same issues and concerns which people with learning disabilities face as we saw in the film.

Incidents of disability-related violence and hate crime are shocking

closely with the Police, British Transport Police as well as Safer Wales, Mencap, Disability Wales and Race Equality First.

Hate crimes

It is important that these crimes are reported and the Association of Chief Police Officers recently revealed almost 2,000 hate incidents recorded in Wales in 2009.

It is important that recording and reporting of hate crime continues to increase and that people are supported throughout the entire process, which begins with reporting and ends in the courts.

This week, I met with the Equality and Human Rights Commission, who are assisting us in developing the new public sector equality duties that all public authorities have to implement, including the health service, local government and the police.

These duties will help us to work together to tackle bullying and hate crime.

The Commission has used its legal powers to conduct a formal inquiry to examine how disabled people, their family, friends and carers who have experi-

enced harassment have been supported by public authorities in Wales. Their report will be published later on this year.

Promoting equality of opportunity has been a motivating force in my public service and has guided me in all aspects of my work in the Welsh Government.

I hope we can make a difference, so that we can build a society in Wales that treats people with dignity and respect.

We all have a duty to protect the most vulnerable in our communities, give every opportunity for our young people to speak up and speak out to ensure that we listen to them, take account of their experience and act to confront bullying, harassment and hate crime.

Best Kept Village is soon to be crowned!



ABOVE: The Best Kept Village in the Vale will be crowned this Friday (July 8) in the annual presentation evening at Ystradgyniad Community Centre.

The chief judge, Dan Clayton Jones, was touring the Vale last Tuesday, accompanied by his dog Zulu and by the retiring chairman, Basil Watkins. The GEM caught them admiring this floral display in Gileston village, a hamlet which still retains an old-fashioned telephone kiosk!

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Recycling trailer spreads the message on the beach

THE Vale Council marked National Recycling Week by taking its waste management and cleansing trailer beach-side for a series of five events.

The 'Recycle on the Beach' team visited Southerndown, Ogmore-by-Sea, Llantwit Major, Penarth and Barry Island, meeting Vale residents and visitors to the area. Cabinet member for visible and building services, Coun Geoff

Cox, highlighted why recycling should be high on everyone's agenda: "There will soon be no space left in our landfill sites; they are brimming full with years of collected waste."

"Economically, manufacturing products from

raw materials costs more than if they were made from recycled products – what is more, the government ask we 'closed loop recycle' as much as possible."

He said that closed loop recycling is already undertaken in the Vale: Local farms and residents grow vegetables, such as potatoes, and place peelings in their kitchen waste caddies.

The contents were then taken to Cowbridge Compost, where compost is made and can then be collected so that new vegetables can be grown by Vale farms and residents.

Singer shines at countdown

CELEBRATIONS to mark the proclamation of the National Eisteddfod to be held next year in the Vale, continued on Friday night at St Curig School.

Welsh learners and supportive Welsh speakers attended a concert by Heather Jones, whose pure voice has been compared to Joni Mitchell and Dusty Springfield.

After thrilling her fans with a selec-

tion from rock to a gentle lullaby, Heather was happy to answer the audience's questions and was an inspiration to anyone thinking of learning Welsh.

Cynhalwyd noson i gofio yn Ysgol Sani Curig nos Wener ddiwethaf. Dathlywd Cyhoeddi'r Eisteddfod 2012 gan ddysgwyr y Fro. Diolch o'r galon i Heather Jones sy, fel yr iaith Gymraeg, yn yma o hyd ac yn ffynnu!



'Rights Fighters' are pictured with the AM at the Memorial Hall: Adam Hughes, Kelly Ann Ridout, Vincent Taylor, and Sharna Byrne.

Youth Fighters' speak up and demand their rights

WITH support from the Children and Young People's Partnership, Vale People First has been working with young people with learning disabilities to raise awareness of their interests, needs and talents.

They held an event at the Memorial Hall on June 30 to showcase their work to a range of people involved in promoting young people's participation – including the Vale Youth Forum..

Jane Hutt, AM for

the Vale, introduced their film – *The Rights Fighters* – and met the young people who devised the drama and performed in the film. Afterwards, she

commented: "The Rights Fighters is an excellent film telling us 'how it is' for people with learning disabilities.

"I will make sure it

is distributed widely in the Assembly and I congratulate Vale People First on their fantastic achievements."

ROADWORKS REPORT

Temporary traffic controls will be on the following roads this week:

Thompson Street, Barry, A4050 Port Road East, BarryB4524 Southern to St Brides, B4265 St Brides Major to Ewenny, B4265 Wick to St Brides Major, B4265 St Athan to Llantwit Major, B4266 Cowbridge to Aberthyn (outside school), A48 Sycamore Cross, A4231 Docks Link

Road (between Winston Road and Pendine Close), Warren Mill Farm, Sully Road (between the riding school and Cogan Hall Cottages), Aubrey Arms to Treguff Cottages, Llangan village (from the school to Fferm Goch), Port Road West (from Colcot roundabout to Tesco), Portkerry Road, Rhoose (from A4266 roundabout to roundabout outside Cardiff airport), Port Road, Wenvoe.

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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

Help speed up slow broadband in Vale

HOW good is your internet access? 'Poor' is often the response I hear from constituents across the rural Vale.

I have been campaigning, since being elected, to improve internet delivery services for communities across the Vale.

At the beginning of this year, a family in Dyffryn who had contacted my office, were the first to benefit from the broadband support scheme, which helps residents and businesses fund the purchase of the satellite system.

The Welsh Government's £2m extension to the broadband improvement scheme offers up to £1,000 for residents to buy an alternative, if they have poor connectivity of less than 2Mbps.

I attended a debate in Westminster last month, which addressed the concerns that rural businesses and rural communities across the UK are isolated and undermined by slow broadband and the

lack of mobile voice and mobile broadband coverage.

The motion called on the communications regulator Ofcom to increase the coverage obligation to 98 per cent to support the Government's commitment to build both the best superfast broadband network in Europe and provide everyone in the UK with a minimum of 2 Mbps by 2015.

In a meeting with the Director of Ofcom for Wales last week, I was pleased to hear that Ofcom will be doing all it can to support mobile broadband coverage when it auctions the 800MHz and 2.6GHz spectrum in the first half of 2012.

Within the last fortnight, I met with senior executives at BT Openreach and raised specific issues with them about their current provision of broadband to the rural Vale, particularly with regard to Colwinston in the west and Hensol to the north-east of the county.

While I welcomed their roll-out of fibre-optic broadband in Llantwit Major and



**Vale MP
Alun Cairns**
reports to
GEM readers

Barry over recent months, I highlighted the cases of many residents and businesses who need to benefit from basic connectivity at the very least, if not the superfast speeds delivered by fibre-optic infrastructure.

I pressed BT on their plans for the roll-out of broadband within the Vale, particularly given that the UK government has made £500m available to guarantee 2Mbps to every BT household by 2015.

I am looking forward to some really positive announcements on this soon.

Having been to see how the satellite system works in practice, it is ideal for those who live in broadband 'not spots' across the Vale.

I'd urge others who live too far away from their local exchange, or who have a broadband download speed regularly lower than 512Mb, to use the broadband support scheme.

The satellite system provides a reliable and high capacity broadband service – enabling users to be able to complete everything from schoolwork, uploading large work presentations and sharing and enjoying multimedia with family and friends.

Readers can find out more about the scheme and to register your home as a 'broadband not spot' you can find the link on www.aluncairns.co.uk and on www.wales.gov.uk.

VALE MP Alun Cairns said this week he had met the Secretary of State for Defence to again press the case for St Athan.

"A base review is under way. It will set out the use that is intended to be made of all military bases around the UK and is key to the future of St Athan," Mr Cairns said.

The Secretary of State for Defence, Liam Fox MP confirmed to me that the base review is due to be published

CCTV arrests

CCTV in the Vale, under the umbrella of the Safer Vale Partnership, has assisted with five arrests and one street caution in Barry.

It contacted the police on 44 occasions. One arrest involving affray, was made on Vere Street on June 27; and another was made on Holton Road the next day concerning theft and criminal damage.

Three arrests were made on July 3; one over common assault on Vere Street, one involved possession of drugs on Kingsland Crescent and another one on Broad Street of an individual wanted on warrant. A caution was also issued on Holton Road on July 1.

within days and that training and other purposes will fall out from that.

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"My recent role in

opening the new headquarters building ('Lancaster') at No 4 School of Technical Training at St Athan a few weeks ago, highlighted to me the significant training activity on the site, which is not necessarily recognised by the wider community. "My aim is to do all I can to support the site and to make sure that the activity on the base at St Athan grows," Mr Cairns vowed.

The MP remains 'optimistic' about the future of St Athan

in the UK. He explained: "I made the Minister aware of the strength of the feeling in the community about the site, and the importance for the need of active military use on site."

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Island Farm sports village clears major planning hurdle!

AFTER years of controversy, there will be a 'sports village' at Island Farm after councillors voted 22-10 in favour.

It is almost 10 years since the Welsh Rugby Union put forward plans for a sports complex on the Bridgend site, which includes an old prisoner-of-war camp.

That WRU plan included sports grounds, housing, a hotel, and it would also have been the official training base for the Welsh team, and a training academy for future Welsh players.

Now, after a vote by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) councillors, a similar sporting scheme has been given the go-ahead.

It will be operated by HD Ltd of Merthyr Mawr Road - the Hegarty family's development company, and will include the following:

- A 15,000-seat

rugby league stadium.

- A 2,000-seat football stadium, plus two extra pitches.

- A 5,000-seat rugby union stadium, plus three outdoor training pitches.

- An indoor tennis centre plus 10 outdoor courts.

- An indoor 4G training pitch and sports hall offering badminton, squash and other sports.

- An indoor swimming pool.

The scheme includes an extension to the adjoining science park.

The site would be accessed by a new junction, controlled by traffic lights off the A48, and an internal road would link the site with the science park, giving secondary access to the complex from Ewenny Road.

The scheme was opposed by, broadly speaking, the residents' group who fought against the WRU scheme.

Local town councillor Coun Dianne Burns told

However, this time

by PHILIP IRWIN

around, the plan attracted support from a wide range of sporting clubs based in Bridgend county borough, who came forward and welcomed the plans.

When it came to the vote, which took place on Monday (July 4) the protesters outside the council offices opposing the scheme were outnumbered by those in favour.

Inside the building, a packed hall saw the vote break down 22 in favour, 10 against, with one abstention. A BCBC spokesman said that the members of the cabinet had, on legal advice, taken no part in the vote, to avoid prejudicing any future decisions they might have to make.

In the weeks leading up to the vote, local residents had raised concerns about traffic problems.

Coun Foley said: "I don't want this develop-

ment to be a Trojan Horse for more housing, if the sporting side is not paying its way."

Christine Taylor, the chairman of the Island Farm Campaign for Action, said: "It is dreadfully sad that councillors and petitioners are in favour of the Island Farm development.

For Coun Peter Foley, there were echoes of the previous WRU scheme. He said: "As soon as that scheme was granted planning permission, the developers decided that the running track was too expensive."

"I am a long-standing opponent of housing development in this area, and I worry about what will happen if the sporting facilities are not paying their way."

The developers have previously insisted that the sports facilities would be for the use of the local community, and at the moment no 'prestige' users are signed up.

Coun Foley said: "I don't want this develop-

ment to be a Trojan Horse for more housing, if the sporting side is not paying its way."

"In their eagerness to approve the elite facilities for the young sporting stars of the future, they have miserably failed to address the needs of others in our community especially the over-60s, the less able and those on low income, all of whom receive concessions at Bridgend Recreation Centre."

"We do not believe these concessions will be available at Island Farm."

"It is also believed that the plan for three stadia is not realistic and will pave the way for alternative developments."

"This is the best agricultural land the borough has and abuts the beautiful village of Merthyr Mawr, a European protected landscape."

"These councillors do not recognise what we already have."

"Once gone, the damage will be irreversible. Future generations will look back and say what were they thinking of."

WHAT'S ON in brief

FESTIVAL

PENARTH Holiday festival starts today (July 7) with the official opening by the Mayor of Penarth, Mr Anthony Ernest, of The Cliff Top Artists exhibition, which runs every day from 12pm-8pm finishing on July 17 behind Cliff Parade.

FUN DAY

On Tuesday, July 12, at 3pm, there will be a Beryl Road Nursery family fun day at St John's Hall, Barry. Bouncy castle, face paintings, mini fire truck rides, stalls, games and raffle.

CREAM TEA

There will be cream tea with strawberries on Sunday July 10, at 3-5.30 pm at The Old Vicarage, Llanwit Major, off Church Lane.

Tickets £5, under-11 £1, in aid of St. Donat's Church and Christian Blind Mission.

Live music, shelter if wet. Tel 01446 792797 or 793180.

COUNCIL PLANS TO GO WEEKLY FOR RECYCLING COLLECTIONS!

THE Vale Council is planning weekly kerbside collections of co-mingled dry recycling* in a bid to improve its recycling rate after missing Welsh Government targets.

by PHILIP IRWIN

collections will not start until September 1. The savings appear to be possible for two main reasons. First, the council will be transferring a number of staff from agency workers to full time.

The report says that 26 agency staff will go, and they will be replaced by 15 permanent. Four vehicles will be taken off the road as the improved staffing arrangements mean that existing vehicles will be used more intensively.

The report says that this will generate savings of £252,000.

The remaining savings will come about because the council has renegotiated its arrangements with Biffa, the company that holds the contract for waste disposal - a contract that does not expire until March 31, 2013.

At the moment, the council pays Biffa £40 per tonne to dispose of "mixed materials", but a new rate of £14.50 per tonne has been agreed, says the report.

The report acknowledges that some of this material may end up contaminated and hence be unsuitable for recycling, but the overall result is still expected to save cash.

The main area of concern is that at the end of 2010, the Leader of the Vale Council, Coun Gordon Kemp, wrote to the then Assembly Minister for Environment, Sustainability and Housing, Jane Davidson, to gain Welsh Government (WG) approval for the plan.

However, her response falls short of whole-hearted support,

because the WG favours waste collection systems where the householder sorts the recycling before collection. In fact, she points approvingly to the new system in Bridgend county borough, which began last June.

The collection there is weekly for everything except waste that can't be recycled, which is fortnightly.

A Bridgend resident now puts out two black boxes (newspaper in one and glass and cardboard in the other) one large blue reusable bag (plastic, cans, and aerosols) and a kitchen waste box, all once a week.

There was initial hostility in many areas, but that now seems to have died away, and many residents are very pleased with the scheme.

In her letter, Jane Davidson points out that Bridgend has jumped from 21st out of 22 Welsh local authorities in terms of recycling rate to fourth, with a rate of 50.78 per cent.

She also says that Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) has saved £1 million by changing its contractor and pursuing the current recycling drive.

This because the ready sorted material can be sold to recycling companies, rather than having to be sorted at a waste management centre.

*Clifford Parish, the operational manager for visible services at the Vale Council, said: "Dry recycling is paper, glass, cans, cardboard and plastic and co-mingling means that residents do not have to separate these various materials before placing them in the recycling boxes on the kerbside for collection."

Tory AM hits out at no out-of-hours scanner service

RESEARCH carried out for regional Tory AM Suzy Davies has revealed that scanners at the Princess of Wales Hospital only operate at night and weekends when there is an emergency.

The CT scanner at the hospital operates from 8am until 6pm on Mondays to Thursdays and on Fridays until 5pm.

The MRI scanner works from 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

In response to a Freedom of Information request submitted by the regional AM for South Wales west, Alexandra Howells, acting chief executive of the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board, said that there was no out-of-hours cover at the moment for the MRI scanner, although a business case is being developed.

With the CT scanner, she said that this was manned out-of-hours on an emergency basis by an on-call service. Urgent CT scans can be arranged for stroke patients.

Mrs Davies said that she was concerned about the knock-on effect of delays in patients being scanned.

"A constituent contacted me to say that she was admitted into the Princess of Wales on a bank holiday Saturday and it was decided that

she needed an ultra sound scan. Nothing happened on the Sunday or the Monday because of the bank holiday and she finally had the scan on the Tuesday. Nothing untoward was found and she was discharged.

"What concerns me is that this person spent four days occupying a much-needed hospital bed while she waited for a scan. If she could have had it either the same day or the day after, a bed would have been freed up for someone else to occupy."

"The lack of beds is at the root of many problems within the NHS, and an easy way of making more beds available would be to increase the operating hours of the scanners across the board."

"It would save a lot of people from being kept hanging about in hospital beds, especially at weekends and bank holidays."

Mrs Davies claimed: "The NHS is at breaking point with ambulances stacked outside hospitals trying to discharge patients into emergency departments which are full of people lying on trolleys while they wait for a bed to become free."

Mrs Davies said that she will be writing to health Minister Lesley Griffiths on this issue.

"We must work smarter in the health service if it is to respond to all the demands being put upon it. I know that the Welsh Labour

Government has decided to chop £1 billion from the health bill over the next few years, but spending some money up front to either employ more scanner staff or foot an overtime bill would end up saving money in the long run.

"It would help alleviate the crippling beds shortage we are seeing. Bridgend has lost 200 beds over the past 20 years and this figure can be replicated all over Wales."

"Thousands of beds have been axed and we are now reaping the results of that policy with the crisis we are going through," she alleged.

A spokeswoman for the trust responded: "We are satisfied that the arrangements we have in place for scanning and provision of pharmacy services, both in hours and out of hours, ensure that we are able to meet the clinical needs of patients in a timely way - safety of patients has to be our top priority."

"This is particularly important for emergency patients who may require our services at any time of day or night and we are confident that we are able to deliver this level of response."

"In addition, new ways of working have been introduced which means patients are able to bring their own medication into hospital; there is more medication available on wards and better planning of patient's discharge."

"However we recognise that there are still some circumstances where patients do experience delays in waiting for some aspects of their care, particularly on the weekend."

"In order to deliver further improvements to patient care and the use of resources we will need to consider whether it is possible to make some of our services routinely available on a seven-day basis."

"Clearly we are keen to minimise any delays in delivering care to patients at any stage of their stay in hospital as this can also impact on our ability to provide effective services in A&E."

"We monitor and address all causes of delay on a daily basis."

"These efforts are paying off within ABMU as demonstrated by the improved levels of performance in achieving the four-hour wait."

"The current position across the Health Board is an achievement rate of 94 per cent."

"In June, the Health Board achievement rate was the highest in Wales. Therefore it is important to point out that the instances of queuing ambulances and people lying on trolleys alluded to in the press statement are now exceptional situations."

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VALE MP Alun Cairns and Paul Haley, the chairman of Pride in Barry met the Wales Office Minister, David Jones (on right, centre) in Westminster to discuss Barry becoming Wales' first 'enterprise zone'.

In March this year, Mr Cairns raised the issue in Parliament.

Mr Haley, a businessman in the town, has argued that the town, airport, aerospace business park and St Athan should make up Wales' first enterprise zone.

The UK government has already announced the creation of 21 new enterprise zones for

England, with a further 10 planned.

Mr Cairns said: "Barry and the Vale have missed the boat in terms of economic growth removed."

Barry should be the first enterprise zone in Wales. Paul Haley and I met the Wales' Office Minister to press our case."

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JUDGE: "SHE HAD LOST THE ABILITY AT THE TIME TO THINK STRAIGHT"

'Loving mother' of Glen walks free after manslaughter verdict

A LOVING mother who killed her autistic son by strangling him in a hotel room near Cardiff Airport, has walked free from the dock at Cardiff Crown Court.

Yvonne Freeny (50) who had lived in Penarth was cleared of murdering 11-year-old Glen. She had admitted manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility.

Mr Justice Wyn Williams described the case as the most difficult he had dealt with.

He sentenced Freeny to a three-year community order involving three-year's supervision, as well as a mental health requirement.

He agreed with psychiatrists that Freeny's culpability was very low and that she had acted out of sheer desperation.

Prosecutor Greg Taylor argued that

although Freeny was what he described as a "sad, defeated woman" she was sane and in control of her actions when she killed her child.

The court heard that Glen, who was severely autistic, was killed in a room at the Sky Plaza Hotel in May last year. He was not discovered for three days.

When police officers visited the room, they found Freeny sitting on the bed covered in blood, after having tried to kill herself by cutting her wrists.

Freeny had three other disabled children and had been living in hotels with Glen since leaving her violent husband.

She told officers she was terrified that Social Services would take the boy into care, and she did not trust anyone else to look after him.

She said: "It's funny. He was laughing when I was strangling him. That is when I knew he was happy."

Report by AJ SICLUNA

"I had to do it because now, no-one can point fingers at him. My only regret is that I couldn't end my own life."

Freeny's counsel, John Charles Rees QC, pointed out that she was a woman of exemplary character and admitted manslaughter at the first opportunity and never disputed the facts.

He said her case was at the top end of the spectrum of diminished responsibility and in every respect it was exceptional.

"She was undoubtedly a most loving mother and she killed when suffering under a disorder and not out of malice."

In effect, he said, she had already served a sentence the equivalent of two years, two months.

The judge said the course he was taking was in his view, an

exceptional one. Her plan, said the judge had been first to kill Glen, then herself.

Her responsibility for what occurred was very much reduced.

There was no doubt, he said, that she was utterly devoted to Glen throughout his short life.

"She showered him with love and affection, and cared for him day in and day out."

Her husband, said the judge, had been violent to her several times a year. In addition, she had cared for her mother, who suffered with dementia until she died.

Her home, which had been in Salop Street, had resembled a pigsty.

During the six weeks when she and Glen lived in hotels, she became increasingly desperate.

The judge said: "She suffered from, and still suffers from, a personality disorder, and at the time of the killing had a severe abnormality of mind.

"Her ability to think

sensibly and logically had all but gone. She had lost the ability at the time to think straight, and her culpability was at a very low level."

He said he didn't consider there was a risk of her causing serious harm to others, and there were very substantial mitigating features.

He said he concluded that he should not impose an immediate prison sentence, and she had already served the greater part of what would have been such a sentence.

The gravity of the crime, said the judge, was marked by a sentence she had, in effect, already served.

He ordered that she be directed to reside where indicated by the probation service, and in approved premises which were not to be publicised, and he also ordered that she must not have unsupervised contact with children under 18.

Boost for Riding for Disabled charity



Pictured: Emma Underwood from Countrywide with members of the riding charity, in 2010.

THE Riding for the Disabled Association (RDA) is to receive a £30,000 donation from rural retailer Countrywide, following fundraising events which contributed £4,055, including more than £180 raised in Bridgend.

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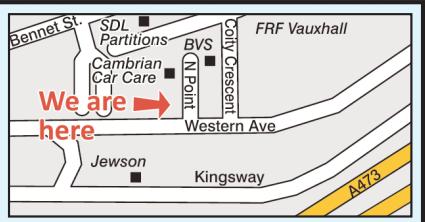


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Hammer Strength Gym provides a lift for weight trainers in Vale

SINCE it opened in the spring, the Hammer Strength Gym at Holm View Leisure Centre in Barry has added extra muscle to the

town's leisure facilities.

The gym is perfect for anyone who is serious about their weight training, and is one of many exciting improvements that are being made in local communities across the town

as part of the multi-million-pound Barry Regeneration Fund.

£100,000 was awarded by the Welsh Assembly Government for the Hammer Strength project, and the new gym is a huge improvement on the

old Hammer Strength Gym which was located just a mile away at the Colcot Sports Centre.

The new facility is more than twice as big as the old cramped gym, with twice as many weights stations and machines, and you will always find a qualified member of staff on duty to help with training advice. Memberships at Hammer Strength cost from £20 a month, with 'pay as you train' rates also available.

Vale of Glamorgan Council cabinet member for leisure and tourism, Coun Anthony Ernest, said: "I am delighted that an under-utilised area of Holm View Leisure Centre has been transformed into another high quality leisure facility for the town."

"I fully appreciate that a number of customers were concerned that the council was taking a much-loved facility away from the Colcot Sports Centre, but the feedback since the move has been extremely positive.

"I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make the project happen in such a short period of time."



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Coun Margaret Wilkinson, ward member for Gibbonsdown, hopes that the gym will help make a massive impact on the health of the local community: "It's great to see Holm View Leisure Centre brought back to life. I hope that the new gym will be popular with

both old and new customers, and that the gym will attract people from the local community and beyond into the other parts of the leisure centre as well," she commented.

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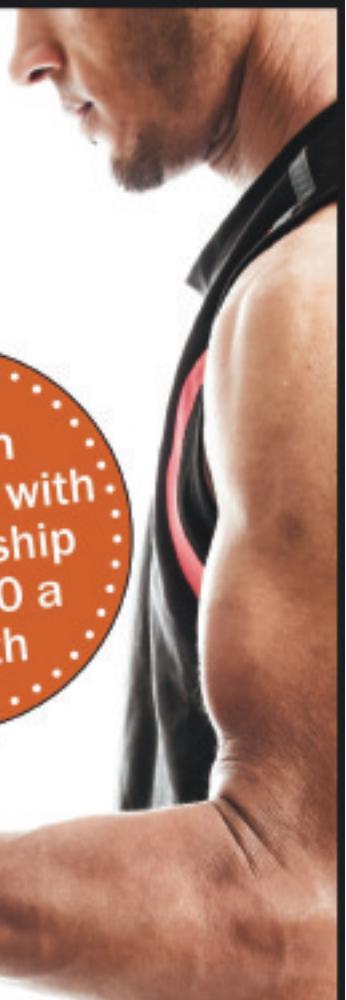


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Blockbuster fails to 'Transform' into an entertaining experience

It is fair to say that the multi-ludes who found the first outing of the *Transformers* franchise a step above most summer block-busters were let down badly by the second outing.

Too many computer effects, not enough time spent on a severely lacking script and jive-talking robots made *Rise Of The Fallen* a real disappointment, but hopes had been raised

for the third outing, subtitled *Dark Of The Moon*.

This time, the Autobots (or the good guys for those uninitiated) learn of a craft from their home planet of Cybertron that crash landed on the moon, and face a race against time to learn of its secrets before the Decepticons (or bad guys) get there – which would be bad news for Sam (Shia LaBeouf), his new girlfriend Carly (Rosie Huntington-

Whitely) and the rest of humanity... In the run up to the release of *Dark Of The Moon*, director Michael Bay claimed that not only had they learned the lessons of a sequel that even the cast slammed as being poor, but also that the 3D on show in this film would be the best example yet of how far this new technology can go.

You can only assume that should Mr Bay tell you it was raining outside, you would need to go to the window and

check, as his above statements bear no resemblance to the shoddy, uninspired mess that is the final product.

Instead, he and screenwriter Ehren Kruger (writer of the maligned ... *Fallen*) have conspired to make something that manages to batter your brain, eyes and ears into bloody submission, leaving you a shell of the person you were when you entered the cinema 150 minutes previously.

The film is bad on so many levels, Bay making a film that survives on testosterone and CGI robot smackdowns alone, paying scant regard for those essential elements that make films great – story and performances.

Certainly he delivers on the histrionic carnage front, as robot tears into robot with glorious abandon, but the set pieces lack any invention or real flair, and could have simply been off cuts from the previous outings.

Similarly, the 3D use adds depth of vision but does nothing to warrant Bay's pre-release triumphing of the format.

While Bay's direction delivers brawn rather than brains, Ehren Kruger's script delivers neither. While using the 1969 moon landing as the launch pad for the story is a clever idea, it

ing – it's as if Megan Fox had never gone away!

Only John Turturro and Frances McDormand offer anything resembling decent performances, but even they are dragged down by their surroundings, the pair no doubt enjoying the financial benefits of the blockbuster without having to put in their usual workload.

With the film having achieved box office of more than \$150 million in its first five days in America alone, there is every chance that there will be another installment for the franchise.

However, if it is to regain any critical baubles, then a new vision is needed as is an ability to marry up intelligence and spectacle, as *Dark Of The Moon* is as creatively bankrupt an exercise as it is possible to see, and makes for a truly unpleasant viewing experience.

VERDICT: A pointless effort that succeeds only in smashing your senses to smithereens, *Transformers: Dark Of The Moon* is a truly abysmal film. Michael Bay's sledgehammer direction and weak performances merely put the cherry on top of this foul tasting cake. *Avoid at all costs.*

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Transformers*, *Pearl Harbor*, *Bad Boys*.

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THE pupils at Bryn Hafren Comprehensive School got the chance to practice their French language skills when their pen pals from France visited for a day last month.

During the assembly in the morning both the Welsh and the French students explained the sorts of activities they did at school.

A spokesman said: "It was a great opportunity for the young people to practice either their French or English."

The visitors from France then attended classes throughout the day, and as you can see from Ian Dixon's photographs and all the smiling faces, it proved a successful and enjoyable day.



Wizard game raises money for charity

LAST YEAR, the Welsh Wizard skittle team raised £4,213.92 for Cancer Research UK.

The next event is on July 23 at 12pm at The Three Bells Inn, Coldbrook Road East, Barry.

"Under Starters Orders" is Hobby Horse racing with a difference. It involves teams of two people. Entrance fee is £5 per team and you can register at The Three Bells. All money raised will go to Cancer Research UK. Stalls, raffle and barbecue.



'Rondel House vision has been changed' claim the original fundraising team

TWO members of Barry Round Table, the organisation which helped to make Rondel House a reality, have expressed anger that some elderly people are now being denied its facilities, **TIM CHAPMAN** reports

They say elderly people should be able to use it as a meeting place whatever their health, and without the need for assessment.

Colin Ham, the organisation's chairman in 1980, and John Williams, who was the treasurer at the same time, said they were alarmed to read in The GEM of Coun Margaret Alexander's fears over how Rondel House might operate in the future.

They told The GEM: "As members of Barry Round Table in the 1970s and early 1980s, we were both saddened and angered when we read the recent report in The GEM on the Vale Council's proposals for the future of Rondel House."

"Barry Round Table was extremely active within the community of Barry during that time and held many fundraising events to enable deprived children and senior citizens of Barry to enjoy activities they would not normally have."

"For the senior citizens in particular we used to hold various social events where they could meet new friends,

have a cup of tea and a game of bingo. We used to pick them up from their homes and take them to pubs in the Vale for a night out. On Sundays we called at their homes and took them to and picked them up from their churches."

"It was such a pleasure and so rewarding to see how much these senior citizens enjoyed themselves because for the majority of them it was their only chance of getting out and about and meeting new people."

For members of the Barry Round Table those experiences led to an ambitious project.

"We had a vision of building a day care centre for the senior citizens of Barry where they would be able to go on a daily basis to meet new friends, have a chat, a meal, a game of cards or bingo – or even a hairdo, all at a reasonable cost."

"We were very much aware that such a project would cost a lot of money. In fact the amount was around £100,000 which equates to about £600,000 today."

"In spite of this we decided to go ahead and started fundraising in 1978."

What followed was real 'community action'. Mr Ham and Mr Williams explained that events were held in and around Barry which were supported enthusiastically by local people.

They pointed out: "The Ladies' Circle, which consisted of the wives of Round Tablebers held coffee mornings and ran 'nearly new shops' to help raise money and nearly

every Round Table in the country contributed something towards the project. Finally the dream was realized in 1980 when Rondel House was opened by Prince Charles."

But Mr Ham and Mr Williams' central point is that by introducing assessments for use, the council is changing the central vision that set it all in motion.

The two men observed: "Coun Alexander poses the question in The GEM 'Has the Vale Council thought through the future of Rondel House?'

"Clearly they have not – and in our opinion there was no need for them to do so because the future of Rondel House was laid down very firmly way back in 1980 when we handed the premises over to South Glamorgan County Council as a day care provision for the elderly."

"It was handed over on the assurance that it would be used for the purpose for which it was intended and that was to ensure that the elderly people of Barry would have a place to go on a daily basis. There was never any question about the need to assess people's suitability to attend the centre."

"The facility has brought no end of pleasure to hundreds of senior citizens over the last 30 years so why stop it now?"

"To hear that some elderly people are now going to be denied this facility is outrageous to say the least. When councils tighten their purse strings, why is it always the vulnerable like senior citizens who suffer most?"

"We understand by the same token that Gardenhurst was gifted to the town of Penarth by the Pegler family to ensure that elderly people in Penarth would be cared for."

COUNCIL SHOULD BE ASHAMED'

"To change the goal posts in either of these facilities now is, in our opinion, a betrayal of trust and the Vale Council should be ashamed of themselves for steam-rolling through these premises and changing the role for which they were intended by their benefactors."

The Round Table members added: "How incredibly sad it is that such precious gifts should be trampled on to enable the Vale to either shuffle about three vulnerable groups – or indeed actively bar them from centres like Rondel House and Gardenhurst which have provided such lifelines for people in the past."

Coun Alexander says there is still hope for the 'Rondel Rejects', as they call themselves, if councillors examine the issues carefully enough.

Coun Alexander, in whose Buttrills ward Rondel House stands, said: "I heard recently that a report on the restructuring of elderly services will at last be going to cabinet which no doubt will attempt to rubber stamp the fact that many of the traditional users of Rondel House have been declared ineligible."

"The report can also be debated at the social services scrutiny committee and corporate resources committee."

"It is to be hoped that members of those committees will investigate rigorously not only the financial implications of those decisions but also the processes involved and the impact assessments on the people concerned."

One elderly woman, who was widowed 20 years ago, spoke to The GEM on Tuesday morning and said: "There is nowhere to go now, only the house. I went out shopping on Friday, but you are the first person I have spoken to since then."

"I used to go to Rondel House twice a week, some went five times a week. It was wonderful, because I met up with some people I'd known at school and had worked with."

"Although some people meet at a pub for bingo and chips, I'm not keen on that so I don't go. I used to enjoy arts

and crafts, sewing and knitting."

"It all seemed to happen by stealth. In the room we occupied, the independent people used about half of the area. The people who had dementia were in about a quarter of the room, with the rest of the space used for moving round."

"Then it all changed with the people with dementia in our area and we were crammed in a smaller space."

"A year ago, we lost our manicurist, then we lost the hairdresser, and then the draw to raise money for bus trips stopped."

A spokeswoman said the Vale of Council is undertaking a review of adult day services provision, to further support people who wish to stay in their own homes for as long as possible.

"Proposals to modernise and upgrade the facilities available to adults eligible for day care services are currently the subject of a consultation exercise."

"A day service for older people is currently provided at Rondel House in Barry and the proposals for the new service are that this will continue to be a base for older people's day services."

"It is proposed that the current facilities at Rondel House are improved to ensure that we are able to continue to provide the kind of services that will be required both now and in the future."

The spokeswoman went on: "The council is aware that some of the people who access the service do so without having had an assessment. We have already reassured these people that they can be assessed should they wish to continue to attend Rondel House or if they have the need for any other services."

"This has recently been confirmed in writing and the letters have included details of how to go about getting this assessment. A number of this group have already made this approach and we have begun to complete the assessments."

She added: "The council is aware that some individuals may choose not to be assessed and therefore would not be able to access the services at Rondel House in the future."

Champion for Older People, Coun Dorothy Turner, said: "The consultation process has enabled many people to raise issues with social services and these will be considered by the cabinet before a final decision is made on this matter."

"I can confirm that discussions are already taking place with regard to what services can be made available in the local area for people who would benefit from socialisation but do not wish to access the service provided by social services."

'School name change put local politics before democracy...'

IN July 2009, I retired as Deputy Headteacher of Ysgol Sant Baruc, Barry, and at my retirement party, a fund was established in order to finance the bronze sculpture of Gwynfor Evans which can be seen today in Barry library.

It is, therefore, not surprising that the recent controversy regarding the naming of the new Welsh school in Barry has been a source of great personal sadness for me.

It is within this context that I would like to raise the following points:

1. The Vale Council cabinet's decision to overrule the wishes of the children who had thought of the name 'Ysgol Gymraeg Gwynfor' is deplorable because this decision, and his decision alone has brought politics into the classroom. Children do not do politics.

2. Fair play is crucial where children are concerned. In order to resolve the children that fair play does prevail, it is logical to assume that the council will now remove the other "political" names in the town.

3. We were delighted to have cross-party support for the bronze memorial in the library.

The council did not contribute in any practical way by funding or initiating the memorial but council members were more than happy to be part of the celebrations and were genuinely welcomed to the event.

4. When receiving the bronze memorial on behalf of the residents of Barry on Sunday, February 28, 2010, Coun Gordon Kemp said: "I am delighted to accept this bust on behalf of the council. I think it's entirely appropriate that a man who was born and educated in Barry and then went

Former deputy head steps into the Gwynfor controversy

on to play a significant part in Welsh politics should be honoured in this way."

This statement is surely incongruent with the cabinet's recent decision.

5. The general feeling that politics should not be brought into schools is inconsistent with the current practice of conducting political surgeries in Ysgol Sam Baruc and in other school within the Vale.

6. The chair of governors, Eric Thomas's recent letter made for particularly uneasy reading regarding the time line of events.

Crucially, there is no record on the council's website of any minutes for the cabinet meeting which apparently took place in April, when the naming of the new school was discussed.

Records need to be produced as a matter of urgency in order to assuage conspiracy theorists. No minute record means a non-valid decision.

This is particularly alarming and I believe it could be a serious breach of the council guidelines.

Prime Minister David Cameron has made several U-turns since coming to power last year and I urge this council to do the same, as this decision sets a dangerous precedent of putting political agendas before democratic procedure and transparency.

It is said that society can be judged by the way it treats its children – and so can councils.

The cabinet's decision to dismiss the wishes of children and governors is a damning indictment of its moral authority, and I hope that it will act speedily to rectify matters.

Gwenno Huws, Barry.

New man at helm of Dinas Powys Rotary



Outgoing president Dennis O'Shea, the new president Ged Crosby, and guest speaker former international Paul Thorburn.

ROTARIANS and friends were invited to the Masonic Lodge, Penarth on July 1 for the handover evening where immediate past president Dennis O'Shea passed over the club's presidency to Ged Crosby.

The evening proved a great success for the incoming president and was enjoyed by all who attended. The guest speaker was Paul Thorburn, former Wales rugby captain and still the world record holder for the longest penalty kick in an international

match, who gave a very humorous talk on his career and life after rugby.

Outgoing President Dennis

gave the

'Rotarian of the Year'

award to Kevin Fowler,

who has proved to be an

excellent ambassador

not only for the club, but

also the Rotary movement itself.

President Ged Crosby

introduced his team,

president-elect Shaun

Doyle and junior vice-

president, Colin Jones,

secretary David

Williams and treasurer

Jon Jones.

THE parents of a nine-year-old Vale child who lost her life on holiday in Turkey will be in court this week to see those responsible face criminal charges.

Nearly 12 months after nine-year-old Cerys Potter from Llancarfan died in a tragic white water rafting incident, a trial is set to start later this week in Mugla, Turkey.

Her parents, Terry and Julie Potter, have travelled to Turkey to hear the charges read and are hoping that the trial will highlight the risks facing tourists who use unregulated rafting excursions.

Terry Potter said: "The pressure that we have put on the Turkish prosecutor seems to be having some effect."

"Two raft guides and two raft company owners will face criminal charges arising from Cerys' death."

"I believe that this has only happened as a result of the help

and support from everyone in the UK and particularly those who wrote to the Turkish Tourist Authority as part of the campaign."

Val MP, Alun Cairns, who has been working with the family since the incident, said that he was pleased that the prosecutions are taking place, but it was more important that people were made aware of the risks.

He said: "Clearly, we have been putting a huge amount of pressure on Turkish authorities.

"I believe that the pressure on the Consulate in London and on the Tourist Authority will have been key."

"We need to continue our focus on highlighting the risks to people who are travelling to areas that offer rafting and other dangerous excursions."

"Thomson Holidays has now changed its guidance and it is essential that people should only book such activities with companies that have proper

ly qualified people operating them."

Mr Potter said: "A charity has been set up in Cerys' memory.

"We have a number of events coming up over the next few months, and these will also bring attention to the risks to holiday makers in Turkey."

"All cash raised will be used to provide music, drama and dance tuition to kids who would not otherwise be able to enjoy these activities."

Cerys lost her life on a trip organised by Marmaris Rafting.

Mr Potter said: "Despite the pending charges, it appears that Marmaris rafting is still operating and still taking young kids on a trip which is much too dangerous for any child."

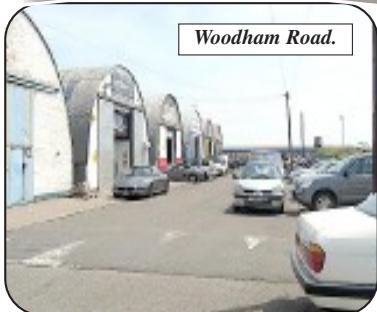
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more. Jeff explained: "We officially started trading on May 5 and are a 'non-fault' accident specialist – but have a service centre and do dealer auto-electrical work."

Between them, Jeff and John have more than 31 years' experience at BMW, but craved the excitement of running their own business.

The certificates they have gained over the years, adorn the walls of the newly-fitted office area. The company deals with all makes of cars and vans.

John said: "We do everything! MoT work, twenty four hour recovery, diagnostic work and all kinds of servicing."

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Garth, who once had a garage on the Atlantic Trading Estate, said: "We've been here for more than 20 years, and started off as the Barry VW Centre, doing VW Campers and Beetles.

"Now we do work on all cars from servicing and preparing for MoTs to major restoration work. Over the years, we've built up a loyal clientele."

Now that fewer people are buying new cars and are keen to ensure their current model is serviced properly, Garth points out that local auto centres and garages are getting the benefit of extra work.

FAMILY-RUN
BJ Potter and Sons

styles itself as 'commercial vehicle repair', and is a family run business, that has increased the size of its services as the years have gone by.

Brian,

the owner, said:

"We opened five years ago concentrating on commercial vehicles, but introduced an MoT station three and a half years ago."

Now the spectrum of vehicles the firm services or does maintenance on is huge – from HGV vehicles capable of carrying loads of up to 44 tonnes to small runaround cars.

Sons Michael and

Gareth supervise the

HGV side of the busi-

ness, while the mechanic

Glyn keeps an eye on

smaller vehicles.

Brian added: "If any-

body in Barry needs an

MoT or servicing,

or diagnostics done on a

minibus, class 7 van or a

car, they can come here.

The only thing we don't

do is motorbikes!"

CAMARADERIE

One of the great bene-

fits of businesses locating to Woodham Road is the

camaraderie between the

businesses, to the extent

that, if required, they can

call on one another's expertise.

Accident Solutions Barry Ltd even took the time out to sort out a mechanical problem on a GEM car!

BANTER

The local camaraderie is something that Denise Taylor of Denise's Cafe stresses: "All the people get on and there's a good community atmosphere.

"We have a wide range of customers from the people who work locally, to people dropping off vehicles or cars to be serviced to those passing by."

With all cafes, there's lots of banter from the locals and Denise joked: "Sometimes I feel like I'm married to most of them!"

The strength of the business is that it is family run – "We all muck in," says Denise – with husband Nicholas and son Steven involved too.

The cafe, which has operated for 15 years, is open from 8am to 3pm Monday to Friday, and 9am to 12 noon on Saturdays.

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"One of our most popular meals is the full roast carvery on Wednesday. It is always sold out!"

The cafe also does the popular all-day breakfast, baguettes, wraps, sandwiches, and four 'special' meals a day. Amazingly, Denise also finds time to provide business lunches and buffets in the town.

Woodham Road is full of local people serving the people of Barry and the rest of the Vale.

As one trader said: "Why people ever go and pay the high prices charged outside the Vale, I don't know." Quite!

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Art and craft show

STAFF and tutors at Barry adult and community learning centres are busy preparing for their biggest event of the year – the annual art and craft exhibition at Palmerston Community learning centre from today, July 9.

It is an opportunity to celebrate the success of learners attending a variety of adult and

community learning courses in the Barry area.

There will be a diverse range of art work on display in the free event by learners who have attended drawing and painting classes in various media.

Other exhibits include digital photography, textiles and glassware.

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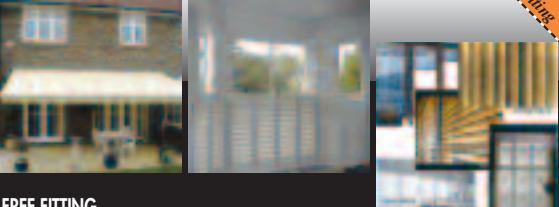
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Family night

SATURDAY, July 9 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall, Barry, is family night featuring the Atlanta Choir and Bethesda Community Choir; clowns and family entertainment. Ticket £5, £2 concessions.

WI show

THE Glamorgan WI Show is being held on

Saturday, July 9 from 10am-5pm in the North Cornelly Community Centre.

The theme of the show is 'Music Box' with 20 different classes and over 1,600 entries will be judged.

Street surgery

INDEPENDENT councillor, Richard Bertin, is holding a street surgery between 10am-11am on

Saturday, July 9, in the Daniel Street and Heol-y-Nant area of Barry.

For further information, please telephone Councillor Bertin on 01446 736227;

or email

rbertin@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Plaid surgery

RESIDENTS are invited to an advice surgery by Plaid councillors Caroline Turner and Barry Shaw (joined by Keith Stockdale) at Holton Primary School, Pyke Street, Barry from

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Vale AM's surgery

VALE Assembly member Jane Hutt will be holding a surgery on Saturday, July 9 from 10am-12noon at 115 High Street, Barry. No appointment is necessary.

For further information, please call the constituency office on 01446 740981.

Open day

TO mark their first anniversary, Park Independent Funeral Directors holds an open day on Saturday, July 9 at 11am.

The new community garden, supported by The New Jerusalem Church on Tynewydd Road, is a place to relax and remember loved ones.

It will be opened at 2pm by Barry Town Mayor, Councillor Bronwen Brookes.

Church coffee

ALL Saints Church, Park Road, Barry, is holding a coffee morning in the church hall on Saturday, July 9 at 10.30am until 12noon, to raise vital funds for

the continuing maintenance of the church.

Large boot stall, cake stall, bric-a-brac, tombola, guess the weight of the cake and much more. Entrance 50p, includes cup of tea or coffee. All welcome.

Stained glass

THERE is a chance to learn the art of stained glass craft at the Berwyn Centre, Nantymoel, on Saturday, July 9 from 12pm-3pm.

Looking good for charity

ON July 10 and 17, Bon Marche in Holton Road, Barry, is holding a 30 per cent day for WI members, families and friends.

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Equestrian centre's summer open day**TALYGARN**

Equestrian Centre is holding a summer open day on Sunday July 10.

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Cream tea

ST DONAT'S church is holding a cream tea with strawberries at the Old Vicarage, Llantwit Major, on Sunday, July 10 from 3pm-5.30pm.

Tickets £5 (children £1). There will be live music and stalls. Proceeds to Christian Blind Mission and St Donat's Church.

All Saints' fundraising

ON Sunday, July 10 at 10am, All Saints Church, Victoria Square, is holding a family 'Book Sunday' service when a book will be presented to each of the children and young people of the church to mark the end of the school year.

From 12noon, there will be a barbecue in the square to raise funds for the church conversion project to enable All Saints to be opened up for parish and community use throughout the week.

All Saints Church is holding a strawberry tea with raffle and bric-a-brac stall on Saturday, July 16 between 3pm-5pm in the Main Hall, Victoria Square. Admission £4. All proceeds to the church fund.

Fibromyalgia support

THE Vale of Glamorgan Fibromyalgia support group's monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, July 12 between 11am-1pm.

Please contact the group leader, Barbara Clissett on 0844 345 5813 for further details. Calls are charged at the standard rate.

12.30pm.

'Wales: A walk through time – Flat Holm to Brecon' – book signing

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The walk resumes on the mainland at East Aberthaw and follows the southern coast to Barry and Cardiff Bay, heading through the city to Caerphilly and the valleys, on to Brecon Beacons National Park.

Priced £14.99, the book will be launched at Newton village hall in Porthcawl on Saturday, July 16 between 11am-2pm, when the author will sign copies.



Diversification Information Event Digwyddiad Gwybodaeth am Arallgyfeirio THE BEAR HOTEL COWBRIDGE 11/7/2011 7.30pm

A chance to learn about the diversification opportunities in Vale of Glamorgan, with representatives from the 'Pride in our farming families' Diversification project; which delivers a grant scheme to support sustainable diversification options for farming families. Also, learn about the support offered by Farming Connect. Light refreshments provided.

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As ever, the dessert counter is stocked full of Claire's delicious cakes (which are not available anywhere else) - all packed full of cream and calories, not to be missed. All of Claire's cakes and desserts can also be ordered whole to take away to enjoy at home (or at the office!)

We also serve a choice of breakfasts all day, every day - so if you feel like Eggs Florentine or a Full Welsh Breakfast in the middle of the afternoon, we can accommodate you!

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Going global at Barry Comprehensive!

LAST WEEK, students at Barry Comprehensive School were encouraged to 'Go Global' by focussing on the 'big picture' of global connections and links.

The aim of the week was to encourage students to go beyond Google – the logical first step for most of us when asked to research the unknown - and to really question diversity, culture and our own decision and choices.

Serious issues were raised throughout the week, but students were also able to enjoy exploring our links and connections.

The week's activities, which had been months in the planning, offered students a wide range of experiences from across the curriculum.

As well as the lessons, workshops and discussions in the classroom, delivered with the help of year-12 students, there were several opportunities further afield.

As usual, geographers

relished the opportunity to carry out some 'field-work' at Cadbury's World. Here students focused on the globalisation of chocolate, doing some quality control as part of their work.

On June 24, year-6 pupils spent the day at the school in preparation for their move into year-7 in September. The year-6 boys spent most of the day following a normal timetable of lessons to help them get used to life at comprehensive school, but they were also drafted into the ambitious 'Go Global' event – an attempt to set a new world record for the most competitors in a three-legged race.

The existing record of 936 competitors was difficult to beat but students and staff rose to the challenge and 952 runners crossed the finish line.

We were joined by Alun Cairns MP and Colin Jones, Deputy Lord Lieutenant, who volunteered to drop the flag to signal the start of the race.

The school also welcomed David Wood and the ITV cameras for the

day, with the story making a five lunchtime bulletin and the evening news. Some familiar faces posing as tigers gave some very eloquent interviews...

Finally, on June 25,

Barry Town hosted the National Eisteddfod proclamation procession. The day was a great celebration of Welsh culture with folk dancing and traditional song being very much part of

the celebration.

However, there was a modern slant, with street dancing and younger performers. Ashley Bolt proudly represented Barry Comprehensive School in the procession,

alongside newly-appointed head of Welsh, Amwen Jones. The opportunity for students to celebrate their own cultural identity felt like a very fitting end to 'Go Global'



Caution - scientists at work!



David Wood reporting live for the ITV lunchtime bulletin.



And they're off!



Year 6 pupils get creative in Design Technology.



Year-6 pupils making good progress



Sixth Form students helped organise the event and also took part.



ITV Wales filmed the whole event.



Lunch time is always a favourite!



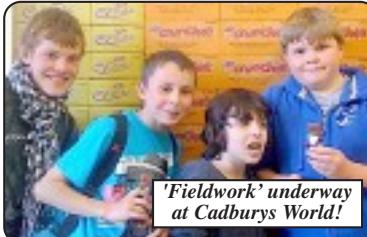
3 legged race entrants wait patiently at the start line.



Tigers on the prowl.



Year-6 pupils preparing for a record attempt.



'Fieldwork' underway at Cadbury's World!



Year-6 making some noise in the Music Dept.

All Saints pupils learn about nature



THE year-2 pupils of All Saints Church in Wales Primary School have been studying wildlife habitats this term and they recently enjoyed an exciting trip to the Glamorgan Heritage Coast at Dunraven Park, Southerndown.

The rangers, Belinda and Paul, gave the children a warm welcome on arrival. Paul took them on a history tour of the gardens and explained how things were done in Victorian times to combat the rigours of nature.

After a picnic lunch, the children were allowed to explore the seashore and marvel at the diversity of life they discovered in the rock pools.

Belinda and Paul demonstrated how to handle the creatures safely, especially the crabs, to respect them as living things and to return them gently to their habitats.

The pupils had an important lesson in the fragility of the natural world and the importance of conservation.

They had a wonderful day and teachers, Mrs Evans and Mrs Martin, warmly thanked Paul and Belinda for a fantastic outdoor learning experience which was thoroughly enjoyed by adults and pupils alike.

OFFICIAL OPENING

ALL Saints Church in Wales Primary School, Cwm Talwg, Barry, held an official opening for its large new extension and also celebrated the school's 25th anniversary.

The special ceremony took place yesterday (Wednesday, July 6) and was attended by Archbishop Barry Morgan and other local dignitaries.



NEWYDDION YSGOL GYMRAEG SANT CURIG Barry school's pupils spend a day at Wales' top indoor sporting centre!

IT has been a very busy week for pupils at Ysgol Gymraeg Sant Curig; first we had sports day, where children from the junior department visited the National Indoor Athletic Centre at UWIC.

Three coaches were organised to transport more than 200 children and staff into Cardiff. Once there, the children were able to use the hurdles, shot putt, long jump and the high jump.

The afternoon was where the real action began, with the four houses competing. With the result in the balance right up until the last race, the Hafren house won for the second year running.

Our thanks go to Rhian Samuel and Cath Jones for organising the day.

Mrs Cross and her team organised the sports day for the infants, which was held on the school grounds.

The children took part in an obstacle race, egg and spoon race and the traditional sprint.

Miss Nina Davies has also been busy with a lunchtime club called 'In

The Zone', and organised several exciting activities for the children to take part in at lunchtime, which has transformed this time of day into a vibrant and lively experience.

Several children from the junior department have been trained as 'friends' to run these activities.

"It's been great learning how to coach these games to the younger children," said Caitlin Davey, a pupil in year 5. "Everyone seems to really enjoy lunchtimes now, they were pretty boring before!"

Finally, pupils from the school each pair £1 to dress in red, white and green (above right) to raise money for the National Eisteddfod, which comes to the Vale in August 2012.

The school would like to thank the parents for their continued support with these events.

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Budding Rhoose lifeguards have busy time!

ON Sunday, June 19, the Nipper section of Rhoose Lifeguard Club competed at the Mumbles Nipper Carnival at Caswell Bay, Swansea.

A team of 24 Nippers performed extremely well in their first carnival of the year, gaining third place overall.

Congratulations to Liz Wong and Alan Wadey for managing the team.

Medal winners were: Evie Wong – Bronze, 8yr girls Run Wade Run – Silver, 8yr girls Sprint – Bronze 8yr girls Long Run – Silver, 8yr girls Beach Flags – Gold, girls Beach Relay; Emily Parker – Bronze, 8yr girls Board Race; Kiera Harris – Bronze, 8yr girls Beach Flags.

Brooke Peterson – Gold, 9yr girls Sprint – Gold, girls Beach Relay.

Alisha Hayes – Silver, 10yr girls Sprint – Gold, 10yr girls Long Run – Silver, 10yr girls Beach Flags – Gold, girls Beach Relay.

Jessica Wadey – Silver, 11yr girls Run Swim Run – Gold, 11yr girls Board Race – Silver, 11yr girls Sprint – Silver, 11yr girls Long Run – Gold, 11yr girls Beach Flags; Ellie Peterson – Gold, 11yr girls Beach Flags – Gold, girls Beach Relay; Emily Price – Bronze, 11yr girls Long Run; Georgia Wall – Gold, girls Beach Relay.

Kelsea Peterson – Silver, 13yr girls Board Race – Silver, girls Super Nipper – Silver 13yr girls Sprint – Silver, 13yr girls Long Run – Gold, 13yr girls Beach Flags – Gold, girls Beach Relay; Kate Griffin – Bronze, 13yr girls Long Run.

Sam Griffin – Silver, 9yr boys Long Run – Silver, 9yr boys Beach Flags.

Oliver Wong – Silver, 10yr boys Run Wade Run – Gold, 10yr boys Board Race.

Alfie Davies – Bronze, 11yr boys Board Race – Bronze 11yr boys Sprint – Bronze, 11yr boys Long Run – Bronze, 11yr boys Beach Flags.

Rhys Gardner – Silver, 12yr boys Beach Flags.

Georgia Wall – Gold, girls Beach Relay.

Congratulations to four Rhoose Lifeguard Club members, Chad Bremner, Luis Evans, Luke Giddings and Teg Young, who gained their NaRS (National Rescue Standard) Beach Lifeguard Bronze qualification and to Lucy Curtis and Jack Giddings on renewing their NaRS qualification.

The awards not only indicate that these members have the skills necessary to become fully qualified beach lifeguards but also allows them to compete competitively for Great Britain in numerous lifesaving championships around the world. Well done to you all and thank you for your enthusiasm, determination to succeed and your commitment to the club.

A team of 27 club members braved the elements last Saturday to compete in the Sker Junior and Master Carnival at Coney Beach, Porthcawl.

The weather was appalling, but the team gave an excellent performance in all ages to take the overall trophy.

Also over last weekend, the Nipper section of the club competed in the Llantwit Major Nipper Carnival on Barry Island.

The weather was much kinder to the Nippers and the children performed brilliantly gaining second place, losing out to Penybont. Congratulations to the team managers, Kath and Jon Hayes (Beach) and Liz Wong (Sea) on a brilliant team performance.

Medal winners were: Evie Wong – Bronze, 8yr girls Run Wade Run – Gold, 8yr girls Board Race – Bronze 8yr girls Sprint – Silver, 8yr girls Sprint Relay – Gold, 8yr girls Beach Flags; Emily Parker – Silver, 8yr girls Board Race; Kiera Harris – Bronze, 8yr girls Board Race; Katelyn Knowles – Bronze, 8yr girls Long Run.

Brook Peterson – Gold, 9yr girls Sprint – Silver, 9yr girls Sprint Relay – Gold, 9yr girls Long Run – Silver, 9yr girls Beach Flags.

Alisha Hayes – Bronze, 10yr girls Board Race – Bronze 10yr girls Sprint – Silver, 10yr girls Sprint Relay – Silver, 10yr girls Long Run – Silver 10yr girls Beach Flags.

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Sophia Strinati – Gold, 12yr girls Run Swim Run – Silver, 12yr Board Race – Silver, Taplin Relay (12yr).

Kelsey Peterson – Bronze, 13yr girls Board Race – Gold, 13yr girls Sprint – Silver, Taplin Relay (13yr) – Silver, 13yr girls Sprint Relay – Bronze, 13yr girls Long Run – Gold, 13yr girls Beach Flags; Kate Griffin – Bronze, 13yr girls Sprint – Silver, 13yr girls Long Run.

Cian Davies – Silver, 9yr boys Board Race – Bronze, 9yr boys Beach Flags; Sam Griffin – Silver, 9yr boys Sprint – Silver, 9yr boys Long Run – Silver, 9yr boys Beach Flags.

Oliver Wong – Bronze, 10yr boys Run Wade Run – Gold, 10yr boys Board Race – Bronze, 10yr boys Beach Flags.

Alfie Davies – Bronze, 11yr boys Long Run; Andrew Lewis – Gold, 11yr boys Long Run.

Rhys Gardner – Bronze, 12yr boys Run Swim Run – Bronze, 12yr boys Board Race – Bronze, 12yr

boys Long Run.

Alex Parry – Silver, 13yr boys Board Race. A spokesperson from the club added: "I would like to congratulate all the Nippers that competed in the Mumbles and Llantwit Major Carnivals, they did a fantastic job and had a lot of fun also."

"Even though some of the children did not get a medal, their involvement in the team made a massive contribution to the final results – well done."

The club would like to thank the parents of the Nippers for their support at competitions and during training sessions, and also to the various sponsors of the club for their continued generosity in helping to provide craft and equipment to train these future lifeguards.

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WALKERS SWELTER IN THE SUNDAY HEAT AS THEY TACKLE MAIR'S WALK

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Since cancer survivor Mair ap Gruffydd started Mair's Walk to raise money for Velindre Lung Cancer Unit, the event has been a huge success, and this year TV weather girl Sian Lloyd led the way.



Sponsored walkers made their way on Sunday morning from the centre of Bridgend to Ogmore-by-Sea, crossing the famous stepping stones. For more about the charity, visit www.mairs-walk.co.uk

COWBRIDGE PROVIDES SOME POMP AND CEREMONY FOR MAYOR'S CIVIC SUNDAY

THE civic service of the Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian is always marked with a degree of ceremony, and this year was no exception.

The mayor, Coun Andy Banks and his wife Gill welcomed many of their counterparts from around the Vale and Bridgend county to the town.

A service in Holy Cross Church was followed by a parade along the main street, with the Mace Bearers (right) leading the parade, with the mayor and mayoress at its head.

**PHOTOGRAPHS
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ABOVE:

Porthcawl Mayor Coun Barbara Stubbs.



A Barry welcome for Barry pupils celebrate the 2012 Eisteddfod!

being Welsh – and also boost Eisteddfod



THE recent proclamation ceremony in Barry formally announced that the Vale would stage the 2012 National Eisteddfod in August 2012 at Llandow.

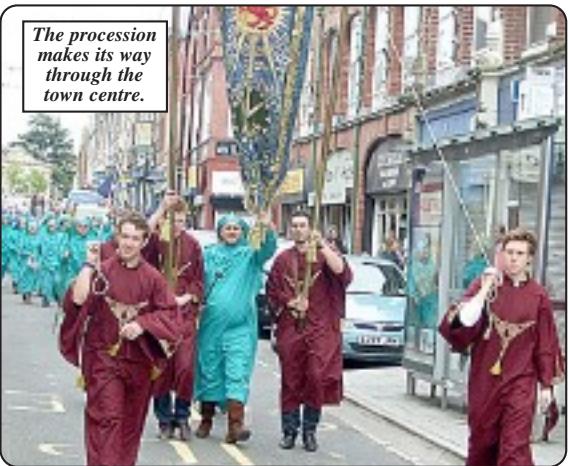
The event was strongly supported by local schools, and all day long there were outstanding performances from school choirs, dance groups and singers.



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The procession makes its way through the town centre.



Some of the girls who performed the traditional flower dance.



BARRY Island Primary school held a special Welsh day on June 23, when the whole school participated in Welsh activities.

Everyone dressed in red, white and green to celebrate being Welsh, and school cook Mrs Mouti made delicious Welsh cakes.

It raised money for the National Eisteddfod which is coming to the Vale at Llandow in 2012.

"Llio from the Urdd visited to tell us all about Mr Urdd – we played lots of fun games with her and even learnt the Mr Urdd song and dance."

"Diolch to all the parents and children who helped us to raise more than £100," said a school spokesperson.



BRYN HAFREN'S GIRLS RECYCLE CHARITY CLOTHES INTO FAB FASHION ITEMS!

BRYN Hafren girls school recently held a fashion show on behalf of George Thomas Hospice Care and raised £200.

"What made this fashion show unique was that they selected clothes from our charity shop on Holton Road and recycled them to make some amazingly fashionable pieces," said spokesman Nicky Piper.

"More than 60 students modelled and some brilliant designs were on display. Not only were clothes recycled, but some unusual materials were used, such as crisp packets, balloons, black bags, silver foil, to name a few! Could Barry possibly have the next Julien McDonald?"

"Many thanks to textiles teacher Kate Morgan for organising the show," Nicky added.

The charity cares for 300 patients with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses in the Vale and Cardiff.

RIGHT:
The Bryn Hafren girls strike a pose.



'Let us entertain you!' The Barry Scouts and Guides fete proves a winner at Romilly Park

ON Saturday, July 2, under blue skies and in warm sunshine The Barry Scouts and Guides fete was held at Romilly Park.

There were the traditional arena events for the scouts and guides, including the usual marching bands, along with the thrills of motorbike stunt riders and a 'field gun' display.

As you can see from Paul Jones's images, it proved a popular day out for members of the community both young, and a little older!

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YSGOL GYFUN BRO MORGANNWG HAS A 10th ANNIVERSARY DINNER TO REMEMBER

Dawns Dengmlwyddiant

YM mis Mehefin cynhalwyd dawns fawreddog yng Ngwesty Dewi Sant Bae Caerdydd i gloi y dathliadau dengmlwyddiant.

Trefnwyd y dathliad gan aelodau CRYF. Bu'n achlysur cofiadwy gyda dros dau gant o rieni, ffiriau, staff a chyn-ddisgyblion yn cyd-ddathlu. Edrychwn ymlaen nawr at ddathlu'r deg nesaf.

(A dinner dance celebrating a historic landmark for education in the Vale – the school's 10th anniversary – was celebrated in style at the bay-side venue of St David's Hotel in Cardiff, see pictures immediate right).

John Hartson's Visit

YEARS 7 and 8 pupils were delighted to meet Welsh footballing great John Hartson recently.

They thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to participate in a question and answer session with him, learning a great deal about his career and his battle with illness.

An Important Event

ON June 25, many pupils and staff participated in the National Eisteddfod's proclamation ceremony.

The Eisteddfod will be held in August 2012. Following a parade through the streets of Barry, the ceremony took place in Gladstone Gardens.



URDD WINNERS PREPARE FOR SCHOLARSHIP BID!

Ellen yn camu ymlaen at Ysgol Oriath Urdd Gobaith Cymru Bryn Terfel!

MAE'R gantores ddawnus, Ellen Angharad Williams o'r Bonfaen, Bro Morgannwg yn un o wthys o enillwyd Eisteddfod yr Urdd, Abertawe a'r Fro sy'n prysur barato i gystadlu am un o brif wobrau celfyddydol ieuengat Cymru sef Ysgoloriaeth Urdd Gobaith Cymru Bryn Terfel.

Bydd yr wthys cystadleuydd disglaer yn ymgiprys am wobr hael o £4,000. Enillodd Ellen, 20 yr Unawd Alaw Werin i'r rhai rhwng 19 a 25 oed a chyn y cyngerdd - a fydd yn penderfynu pwy fydd yn hawlio'r Ysgoloriaeth - a gynhelir yn Siwtio'r Ddraig, Pencoed ger Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr nos Sul 25ain o Fedi am 18.15 bryd cyfle i Ellen gael gwrs gan un o feistri byd cerdd yng Nghymru.

Mae Ellen yn astudio Ffriag, Sbaeneg ac Almaeneg ym Mhrifysgol Exeter a bydd yn ymgartrefu yn Oviiedo yn Shaen mis Medi, fel rhan o'i chwrs.

"Yn gyntaf oll, mae'n frain cael bod yn rhan o'r Ysgoloriaeth. Ryw'n gyffrous iawn am yr holl gystadlu a'r paratadau ar gyfer y dosbarthiadau meistr ac yn edrych ymlaen at gwrrd d'r enillywyr eraill," medd Ellen, sydd a'i bryd ar wneud cwrs ol-radd mewn Coleg Cerdif a dilyn gyrsfa fel cantores broffesiynol.

"Byddai'r Ysgoloriaeth yn fyngaluoogi i gael gwrsi canu a hefyd gwrsi Eidalaidd, fyddai o gynnwys i mi fel cantores ac yn ymharatoi ar gyfer clywedliadau meinon Coleg Cerdif."

Yn ogystal â'r wobr ariannol, mae'r Ysgoloriaeth hefyd yn cyplysu env'r enillyd ydy gan un o sêr amlycaf y byd perfformio heddiw, sef Bryn Terfel. Mae'r canwr o Banglas yn credid fod y gystadleuaeth eleni eto yn un sy'n sicr o ennynt cyn diddordeb.

Meddai Bryn Terfel: "Unwaith eto, mae'r rhai sy'n cystadlu am yr Ysgoloriaeth eleni yn grive tal-entog dros ben ym lyngadenon gwyth dros Gymru. Gyda'r safon mor uchel, mae'r Cyngedol yn sicr o fod yn noson wych o adoliant cerddorol a gweledol ac ryw'y dynuno'n da iawn i'r wthys cystadleuydd."

Yr wthys fydd yn cystadlu fydd: Ellen Angharad Williams o'r Bonfaen, Enillydd yr Unawd Alaw Werin 19 - 25; Ellen Angharad Morgan o Landysul, Enillydd y Cyflwyniad Dramatig 19 - 25; Rhian Mair Davies o Bencader, Enillydd y Llefaru Unigol 19 - 25; Glain Dafydd o



ABOVE: Ellen Williams of Cowbridge.

Fangor. Enillydd Unawd Offerynnol 19 - 25; Huw Nlyn Evans o Rydymain. Enillydd Unawd Cerdd Dant 19 - 25; Anna Pardanac o Abergel. Enillydd Dawns Unigol i Ferched Bl 10 a dan 25; Steffan Jones o Gaerdydd. Enillydd Unawd 19 - 25; Sian Crisp o Caernarfon. Enillydd Unawd o Sioe Gerdd 19 - 25.

Mae tocynnau ar gyfer y Cyngor d'r Ysgoloriaeth yn Siwtio'r Ddraig, Pencoed ger Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr, nos Sul 25ain o Fedi yn £10 ac ar werth ar wefan yr Eisteddfod - urdd.org/eisteddfod neu drwy ffurio 0845 257 1639.

ELLEN GETS READY FOR SCHOLARSHIP CONCERT!

TALENTED singer, Ellen Angharad Williams from Cowbridge, is one of eight young people, all winners at the Swansea Urdd National Eisteddfod, who are putting the finishing touches to their performances as they look to compete for the prestigious Urdd Gobaith Cymru Bryn Terfel Scholarship.

The winner will receive a £4,000 bursary towards their studies.

Ellen won the folk song solo for those between 19 and 25 years old. Before the scholarship concert, to be held at Dragon Studios, Pencoed, on Sunday, September 25, to determine this year's scholarship winner, Ellen will be given a master class by a leading figure from the Welsh music scene.

She is currently studying French, Spanish and German at NON TUDUR WILLIAMS

Exeter University and will continue her studies in Oviedo, Spain, in September as part of her course.

"It's a great honour to be part of this year's scholarship. I'm very excited about the competition, the master class and, of course, meeting the other competitors," said Ellen, who has her sights set on studying for a post graduate degree in a music college, and embarking on a career as a professional singer.

The scholarship would enable me to have singing lessons, as well as learn Italian which would be useful to me as a singer and help me prepare for auditions for music colleges."

As well as the financial backing, the scholarship also associates the winner's name with that of one of the world's foremost performers, Bryn Terfel.

The singer from Pantglas believes this year's competition could be one of the best yet.

Bryn Terfel said: "Once again, those competing for this year's scholarship are very talented individuals and great ambassadors for the youth of Wales today."

"With the standard so high, the concert promises to be an exceptional evening of musical and visual entertainment and I wish all eight competitors the very best of luck."

The eight competitors are: Ellen Angharad Williams from Cowbridge, winner of the individual folk song 19 - 25; Ellen Angharad Morgan from Llandysul, winner of the dramatic presentation 19 - 25; Rhian Mair Davies from Pencader, winner of the individual recitation 19 - 25;

Glain Dafydd from Bangor, winner of the instrumental solo 19 - 25; Huw Nlyn Evans from Rydymain, winner of the Cerdd Dant Solo 19 - 25; Anna Pardanac from Abergel, winner of the solo from a musical 19 - 25.

Tickets for the scholarship concert at the Dragon Studios, Pencoed, on Sunday, September 25 at 6.15pm are £10 and available from the Eisteddfod website - urdd.org/eisteddfod or by calling 0845 257 1639.

NON TUDUR WILLIAMS

Chance to win a £50 voucher



Karen Ingram of Barefoot Studio and Jackie Glassar of Truly Scrumptious.

ANYONE calling into Truly Scrumptious for a free coffee or smoothie has a chance of winning a £50 voucher for the Quarterpenny Café, or a rug from the Cowbridge Flooring Studio as 22 independent retailers in Cowbridge take part in a week-long event to encourage the public to shop local and find out more about what's available on their High Street.

'Independents Day' (July 4) is a national campaign supported by Mary Portas, Queen of Shops, celebrating the diversity of independent shops.

The 'Find the Treasures on Cowbridge High Street' trail concludes this Saturday. See posters in shop windows and collect a quiz sheet from participating retailers.

Visit five stores on the list, find the answer to their questions, then hand in sheets at Truly Scrumptious for free refreshment entry to prize draw.

People are encouraged to buy an item from an independent shop on the trail.

The event has been facilitated by Debbie Cooke of HubCowbridge and Karen Ingram at Barefoot Studio.

Karen said: "We're delighted so many people have got behind the campaign, and special thanks to Jackie and the retailers who have donated prizes."

"The quiz is great fun to do and would be an ideal family activity on Saturday."

Quiz sheets and more information also available from info@hubcowbridge.com

PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS' NEWS

Up to Allt yr Esgair and back down to Llangorse

RECENTLY, Liz took a group of 12 ramblers up to Llangorse Lake (Llyn Syfaddan) and journeying up, the Brecon Beacons were shrouded in mist with a steady drizzle falling, but the day proved to be fine and warm.

Llangorse is the largest natural lake in south Wales, formed by glacial action, and is one mile in length, five miles in circumference and 505 feet above sea level.

The Afon Llynfi provides the main input of water and in 1925, archaeologists found virtually a complete dugout boat, basically a hollowed out trunk of a tree.

The lake suffered pollution post war from sewage, detergent and agricultural fertilisers, so many of the rare plants, algae, fish, bird and plant life were almost destroyed.

They began the first ascent of the day up Allt yr Esgair, known locally as The Allt (the name means wooded slope of the ridge). They had extensive views overlooking the Usk valley, the Brecon Beacons over Llangorse Lake and the Black

Mountains in the north-east.

The hilltop contains a trig point at 506 metres. They left the Beacons Way downhill towards Cwm Shenkin and passed near to the Llangorse multi activity centre at Gilfach Farm, which has two very tall trees that form the Sky Trek, a twin wire system where it is possible to enjoy the exhilarating sensation of careering down for a 100-metre stretch to the valley below.

Following the Roman Road and then the main road, they walked on to the village of Bwlch where they joined part of the Beacons Way which climbs Cefn Moel before dropping into the valley towards Cwmdu.

Their second climb took them up on to Mynydd Llangorse whose summit rises to

515 metres with a trig point at 506 metres.

They left the Beacons Way downhill towards Cwm Shenkin and passed near to the Llangorse multi activity centre at Gilfach Farm,

mod/hard walk from Blackmill to the Ogmore Half Horseshoe; contact Barbara on 01446 734686.

On July 10, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an 11-mile mod/hard walk from Llanfeigan to Carn Pic; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

On July 14, leave the Colcot Arms pub at 7pm for a 4.5-mile easy/mod walk at Merthyr Dyfan and the Highlight Trail; contact Joy on 01446 737131.

Membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2021 9102. Joy Strongward

Local student wins finance internship

RUOLIN WU (18), from Penarth, a student at Howell's sixth form college at Llandaff, has won a Nomura scholarship for a place on the financial services group Nomura's women's immersion programme.

Ruolin said: "I was awarded a £500 prize and a two-week paid internship at Nomura. I entered because I thought it was a great opportunity to learn

more about investment banking, which is something that really interests me.

It involved writing two essays. She went on: "I'm really shocked to have won it, but it's a great opportunity and I cannot wait to start my internship in April next year."

Ruolin is one of 12 students offered places for Oxford this year. She has been offered a place at Queen's College, Cambridge, to study economics.



Ruolin Wu from Penarth

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BARRY ATHLETIC CRICKET CLUB ROUND-UP

Century keeps Stags on promotion push

N A T H A N BAKER'S Barry Athletic First XI kept their push for promotion going after completing a fantastic 213-run victory over Upper Rhondda, at the Barry Oval.

With the weather and pitch, favouring batsmen, Baker won the toss and without hesitation, chose to bat first.

Barry never lost control of the match, as all batsmen made contributions. Ian Gadd (26), Nathan Baker (37), Steve Provis (43) and Gavin White (28 not out) all kept the score ticking at an aggressive rate.

However, the man of the innings was Lee Morgan. He played a faultless innings and proved to be the anchor-man in the Barry innings. His career-best knock of 152 not out, which included 18 boundaries, proved to be the vital factor in Barry's innings and with some below-par bowling and fielding from the visitors, Barry closed their innings on a massive 323-3 from 50 overs.

In the second session, the Stags never lost control of the match. Some hostile swing-bowling from Peter Hellyar (2-14) and John Gee (1-22) proved too much for

Upper Rhondda's top-order batsmen and the crowd saw wickets tumble like a deck of cards.

The bowling attack was reinforced by Jake Griffett (3-27), Steve Jones (2-24) and Nathan Baker (1-11), which led to lots more wickets and more cheers from the home crowd.

Only Richard Kelland (27) and Gareth Lewis (24) showed some sort of resistance as the Stags continued to dominate.

The visitors were eventually bowled out for just 110 in 34.3 overs, leading to another 20 points for the Stags.

SECOND XI FINALLY LOSE, BUT STAY TOP

SIMON PHILLIPS' unbeaten run came to an abrupt end, as Barry Athletic 2nd XI crashed to a demoralising 8-wicket defeat at the hands of Miskin Manor.

With the pitch dry and looking to crack, Phillips won the toss and chose to bat first.

However, this decision was soon questioned as, with the exception of Andrew Buckland (83), the likes of Scott Malpas (17) and Ashley Baker (5) will be disappointed that they couldn't make more of a contribution.

Cameos from Billy

Usswald and Martin Baker were useful to the Stags' total, as they closed on 219-9 from 50 overs.

In the second innings, the Stags were optimistic when they managed to claim two early wickets – dismissing Michael Cockell (7) and Allan Croft (27) in the opening 15 overs.

However, a massive partnership of 128 runs took the match away from the Stags. Barry were unlucky not to claim more wickets as controversial decisions went Miskin's way.

The Stags were never in contention towards the end of the match, and a below-par performance was evident in the result as Miskin reached the target of 220 with six overs to spare.

Barry's first defeat of the season may have ended their winning run, but the Stags managed to stay on top of Division Two after Welsh Asians' shock defeat at the hands of bottom of the table, Rogerstone Welfare CC.

THIRD XI RETURN TO WINNING WAYS

ANDY ELLIS returned to winning ways, as they won by seven wickets at home against Machen.

On a hot, sunny day,

Ellis lost the toss and was asked to field first. Barry opened with Jake Griffett and Callum Twomey, who both bowled excellent lines and lengths, causing the Machen openers all sorts of problems – the pressure finalising in a run out from good work in the field by Tony Esposti and Richard Eastman.

After 10 overs, Machen were 22-1 and a maiden catch (yes he caught one) from Bertie Ackland off Griffett made it 23-2 after 12 overs.

Sam Walsh and Andy Ellis then came into the attack and again the pressure told on the batsmen as after 20 overs they were reduced to 59-6.

A wicket in the first over after drinks got the Stags back on the front foot and then two more in the 24th over reduced Machen to 72-9.

However, this only brought the Machen first team skipper into bat and he lost no time in increasing the run rate.

Machen moved on from 72-9 in the 25th over to 160-9 in the 33rd over. Ellis brought himself back into the attack and with his second ball removed the leg stump of Machen's danger man, ending the innings on 160 all out after 33.2 overs.

Griffett and Ellis

opened the batting and after a maiden first over things were looking tight. However, the runs started to flow and after 10 overs, Barry were 43-0. Ellis finally departed in the 19th over, for 36, with the score on 82.

This brought Jonathan Phillips in and after a majestic boundary he was unlucky to be caught at point.

Joe Walsh came in next and after again playing an aggressive pull through midwicket, was undone by a faster ball from a slow bowler.

However, both players helped keep the scoreboard ticking over and at

103-3 with Griffett still out from Griffett, able to support by Esposti 12 not out.

UNDER-9s END WITH TOUGH GAMES

BARRY Athletic under-9s travelled to a sunny Pentrech to take on Pentrech, Whitchurch-Heath and Cowbridge in the last of their mini-festivals in 2011.

The mini Stags fought hard in the gleaming sunshine, with little success. Despite the fact that they managed to beat

Cowbridge for the second time this season, Barry fell to Pentrech and Whitchurch-Heath, who proved to be very strong on the day.

A massive congratulations goes to the team for securing another strong position in the Under 9s League; finishing in 6th position.

A reminder to all under-9 members that training will continue as normal. Training sessions are on Thursday evenings, beginning at 6pm and finishing at 7.15pm.

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Windsor grab tennis derby win

PENARTH Windsor first team continued their excellent season with a decisive 7-2 win over local rivals Rectory Road in scorching weather.

The hard fought local derby means the firsts, under the captaincy of Dan Hughes, are still pushing for promotion at the end of this season.

The Windsor seconds outfit are also contenders to move up in their league, and claimed a draw with visitors Firbank Dale from Newport, breaking the home side's all-conquering run this season under skipper Jon Cox.

With several key players missing from the seconds line-up, the youthful team from Newport put up a spirited performance to end

the Penarth side's winning run.

"If the run was to come to an end, far better for it to be a draw rather than a defeat," commented captain Cox.

The thirds, despite also being depleted by absences and injuries, enjoyed a successful afternoon, clinching a 7-2 win over visitors Lisvane, with youngsters Ben and Tom Bellingham and Morgan Williams showing skill and maturity.

The fourth team went down 5-4 away in a close-fought tussle at Stow Park in Newport.

Meanwhile, Windsor's up and coming players have enjoyed considerable success in the junior Aegon competition, with three teams winning their league this year.

They were: Under-14 boys A –

Elis Vandyke and Jack Davies; under-14 girls – Emma Thomas Annabel Richards and Olivia Dwyer; under-12 girls A – Grace Samuel and Seren Marsh.

Caren Richards, the club's junior co-ordinator, said: "It has been a great season for the juniors at Windsor so far. The junior Aegon teams have all played really well and we've had some fantastic results."

Also encouraging was the fact that four teams finished a close second in their league (under-16 boys, under-14 boys B, under-12 boys A and under-12 girls B).

To celebrate the success, a presentation afternoon and barbecue has been arranged for the Aegon teams on July 23 12.30pm.

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Saturday 9th July

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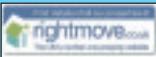
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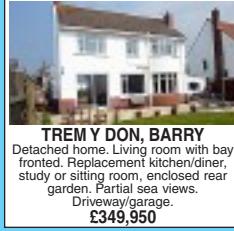
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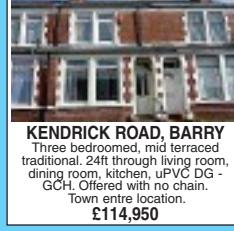
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I, the undersigned, Returning Officer for the above Constituency hereby give notice that I have received the returns and declarations as to the election expenses of the under-mentioned Candidates and Election Agents:-

Yr wyl i, sydd wedi arwyddo isod, y Swyddog Canlyniadau ar gyfer yr Etholaeth uchod yn hysbysu drwy hyn fy mod wedi derbyn y ffurflenni a'r datganiadau mewn perthynas a chostau etholiad yr Yngweiswyr a'r Asiantau Etholiad a nodir isod:-

Name of Candidate Enw'r Ymgisyyd	Name of Election Agent Enw'r Asiant Etholiadol
Briony Jane Davies	Cheryl Anne Green
Carwyn Jones	David Sage
Tim Thomas	Kevin George Burnell
Alexander Williams	David Alan Unwin

These returns and declarations (including the accompanying documents) can be inspected at the Electoral Services Office, Civic Offices, Bridgend, during office hours within the next two years.

Gellir edrych ar y ffurflenni a'r datganiadau hyn (gan gynnwys y dogfennau ategol) yn Swyddfa'r Wasanaethau Etholiadol, Swyddfeidd Dinesig, Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr, yn ystod oriau swyddfa o fewn y ddwy flynedd nesaf.

DATED 20 June, 2011.
DYDDIEDIG 20 Mehefin 2011.

Dr Jo Farrar,
Constituency Returning Officer
Swyddog Canlyniadau Etholaethol



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GALTON Nee King
Elizabeth Jane (Betty) of Flemington

Peacefully in her sleep Monday, 27th June, aged 82.
Funeral at Flemington Church, Wednesday, 13th July at 2.00 pm. Please, family flowers only. Donations if desired to "Friends of Brocstable" Care Home, Ewenny, CF35 5AU

Family Notices

IRELAND Andrew David

Baptist Minister and former Head of Llantwit Major Comprehensive School (Junior Section) died peacefully in Wincanton Hospital on Friday, 1st July, 2011, after a long illness bravely borne aged 55. Beloved husband of Cathryn and devoted father of Matthew and Luke. Dear nephew of Kitty and Gerald Goodman, Elizabeth and John Ireland and loved cousin of Michael, Mandy and David Goodman.

Will be sorely missed by family and friends especially those in South Wales Athletics.

Funeral Service on Thursday, 14 July 2011 at 12 noon at the Mendips Crematorium, Croscombe, Somerset, BA5 3RR, followed by a memorial service at 2pm at St Luke's and Theresa's Catholic Church, South Street, Wincanton.

BURNETT Percy

Peacefully on July 4 at Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, Percy of Llantwit Major, beloved husband of Nancy, father of the late Gillian and Geoff, loving father-in-law of Marilyn and much loved grandfather of Will and Samantha. Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon.

Funeral Friday, July 15th, service 12.30pm at St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major followed by cremation at Cochchurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 1.45pm. No flowers by request, donations in lieu if desired to British Heart Foundation c/o J James, 11 Fonmon Road, Rhoose, CF62 3DZ.

BREWERTON Lily

Peacefully on June 30th in Llandough Hospital, after a short illness. Lily aged 91 years of Barry. Beloved wife of the late Danny. She will be greatly missed by her loving family and friends. Funeral service at Cochchurch Crematorium on Friday 15th July at 11.00am. Floral tributes and all enquiries to WA Brown & Son, Llantwit Major. 01446 792489.

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SPORTS ROUND-UP FROM COWBRIDGE COMPREHENSIVE

Skiing success for school pupils

Tennis
YEAR-7 and 8
tournament:

First, Cai Evans, year-7; second, Matthew Harper, year-8; third, Iwan Goodwin, year-7; fourth, Amos Booth, year-8; fifth, Sean Davies, year-7.

Training for both year groups is held every Monday 3.15-5pm on the new tennis courts.

Wale of Glamorgan Schools Regional under-13s finals were held at Dinas Powys Tennis Club. Cowbridge were grouped with Stanwell and St Cyres of Penarth in the round robin tournament. Both schools proved too strong, losing both matches 6-0.

Team:
Matthew Harper, Sean Davies, Iwan Goodwin, Amos Booth.

In the Vale Schools Championships held at Dinas Powys Tennis Club, year-9/10 were grouped with Stanwell Comprehensive and Barry Comprehensive in the round robin draw:

v Stanwell – Singles: David Humphries W 6-0; Theo Mann L 3-6; George Gibson L 2-6; Sam Wood W 6-1; Doubles: David and Theo W 6-4; George and Sam W 6-2.

Cowbridge won on count back of games.

Skiing

SOUTH Wales Artificial Ski Championships were held at Fairwater Ski Centre Cardiff where the school entered

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PUPILS of Iolo Morganwg School received medals and certificate last week to commemorate their effort to raise money for the Moses Project.

The children ran a 10k sponsored run by completing a stage each week. The money raised will be used to provide a wind turbine/solar energy system for the Masai School in Endonyiosodai, Kenya.

The provision of electricity will provide lighting and a cooking source for the school. As well as raising money for the Moses Project the children have developed close links with their co-pupils in Kenya.

It has been a wonderful opportunity for our children to learn about the daily life of Kenyan children.

Following the success of the sponsored run and the Clwb200, the hope is to complete the wind turbine and solar energy system by the autumn.

For more information about the Moses project, or to join the 200 club, go to www.themosesproject.org.uk or send an e-mail to info@themosesproject.org.uk

GYMNASICS CORRECTION
In a piece about Penybont Gymnastics Club last week, we incorrectly identified Alana Edwards as Alana Paige - apologies for the misunderstanding.

Sets 3/3, Games 25/20.

v Barry Comprehensive (won 6-0) – Singles: David Humphries W 6-1; Theo Mann W 6-0; George Gibson W 6-1; Sam Wood W 6-0. Doubles: David/Theo W 6-1; George/Sam W 6-0, (6-0).

Final of Vale Schools v Bro Morgannwg (won 5-1) – Singles: David Humphries W 6-2; Theo Mann L 4-6; George Gibson W 6-4; Sam Wood W 6-2. Doubles: David and Theo W 6-4; George and Sam W 6-2, (5-1).

They now play in the Regional Finals on July 12 at the David Lloyd Centre, Cardiff.

Year 7/8 tennis v Bro Morgannwg (friendly) – Singles: Matthew Harper W 6-1; Iwan Goodwin L 3-6; Sean Davies L 6-7; Amos Booth L 1-6; Doubles: Mathew and Amos L 1-6; Sean and Iwan W 6-3, 3-3 sets, 28-27 games.

Cowbridge won on count back of games.

Skiing

SOUTH Wales Artificial Ski Championships were held at Fairwater Ski Centre Cardiff where the school entered



ABOVE: The teams pictured at the Artificial ski championships at Fairwater

three boys and girls teams. A Team boys won with B team runners up. A team girls won, with B team third place.

Individual results (Non registered girls): Under-15s, third, Jessica Scibba,

year-8; second, Caitlin Jones, year-8. Under-17s, third, Amy Oliver, year-10; second, Hannah Taylor, year-10. Under-19s, second, Manon Thomas, year-12, first, Amy Taylor, year-12.

Boys: Under-13s, second, Henry Jones, year-7; first, Harry Hopkins, year-7. Under-15s, third, Nicky Griffiths, year-9; second, Ben Thomas, year-8; first, Ben Jones, year-8. Under-17s, second, Mathew Goodlad, year-11; first, Harry

Hitchcock, year-11. Under-19s, first, Jamie Griffiths, year-11. Registered Skiers – Girls: Under-19s, second, Sarah Williams; first, Emily Hopkins. Boys: Under-19s, first, George Spill.

Golf
THE Cardiff and Vale Schools Golf
Championships were held over 18 holes at the Dinas Powys Golf Club. Entry was limited to 12 handicap and below. The school team of Katie Bradbury, Wil Hoggett and Gavin Magner finished second to Whitchurch Comprehensive school.

Katie finished second in the individual with a gross score of 78, handicap 3, nett 75. Will Hoggett had gross score 86, handicap 6, nett 80.

Gavin Magner gross score 82, handicap 11 nett 71.

Both Katie and Wil, low handicaps, were selected to play for the County Schools at the Welsh Schools Championships held on June 29/30 at the Newport Golf Club.

Cricket
THE Year-8 v 9 cricket was held at the lower school cricket pitch.

Year-8 – 119 for 5: Rian Thomas 13, Matthew Harper 13, Luke John 13, David Humphries 14, Alex Guard 3 for 15. Year-9 – 94 for 6: Tom Johnston 28, Luke John 2 for 13. Year-7 v Year-8 – Year-8 121 for 5: Rian Thomas 31 retired, Jonathan Harvey 31 retired, Oliver Pike 18 n.o. Wickets shared by

Cai Evans 1 for 11; Matthew Keating 1 for 20; Sam John 1 for 10; Iwan Goodwin 1 for 2; Sam Fairclough 1 for 5.

Year-7 – 93 for 5: Cai Evans 21 n.o., Adam Jones 2 for 10; Ieuan Ridout 2 for 19.

Year-8 A and B away to the Cathedral School Cardiff – 8A – 124 for 9; Matthew Harper 26; Jonathan Harvey 17; Rian Thomas 14; Oliver Pike 11.

Cathedral 126 for 5; Oliver Pike for 21; Jonathan Harvey 1 for 26; Rian Thomas 1 for 33.

8B – 102 for 7; David Humphries 22; Daniel Oddy 17; Amos Booth 12.

Cathedral 101 for 9; Amos Booth 3 for 13; Ben Jones 2 for 18; Tom Day Davies 2 for 6.

Year-9 v Llantwit Major Comprehensive – Year-9 98 for 7; Neil Sykes 17; Llantwit 78 all out; Joe Russell 6 for 13; Sadr Zaman 1 for 4; Jacob Cooper 1 for 4; Jack Griffiths 1 for 5.

Year-9 and 10 v Christ College Brecon – Both teams travelled to their annual trip to Christ College Brecon to play on some proper cricket pitches of grass. A good day was had by all.

Year-10 – 175 for 4 declared; Harri Collier 54 n.o.; Joseph Cotterill 30; Sam Wood 28; Chris Brace 21; Todd Wilcox 19.

Christ College 103 all out; Rhys Cogan 2 for 11; Sam Wood 2 for 34; Jack Faulkner 3 for 5. Year-9 – Christ

College 71 all out; Zac Summerhayes 3 for 10; Rian Thomas 3 for 9; Oliver Pike 2 for 5; Cowbridge 72 for 5; Jonathan Harvey 33; Oliver Pike 20; Will Gamblin 10 n.o.

Year-7 v Bro Morgannwg – Cowbridge 80 for 5; Owain Leyshon 10; Bro Morgannwg 80 for 9; Owen Tuckwell 1 for 14; Matthew Keating 3 for 2; Joel Davies 2 for 1; Tom Edwards 1 for 8.

Year-8 /9 first league match v Fitzalan – Fitzalan 80 for 7; Jonathan Harvey 2 for 10; Sadr Zaman 3 for 18.

Cowbridge 83 for 2; Daniel Evans 31 n.o. Oliver Pike 12; Jonathan Harvey 11 n.o.

PIDGEONS ROOST AT BRYNHILL!

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ABOVE: Richard and Wyndham Pidgeon.

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In May of this year, Wyndham returned to Brynhill, having moved 'over-the-border' to England in 1972. This time he was not playing with his father, but rather his son Richard, who had a prestigious hole-in-one at the third hole, so you could say the pigeons have come home to roost!

Lucky for the other members, the Pidgeons had moved to Wiltshire, with granddad Arthur winning the Rabbits Cup in 1936, his son Wyndham winning the Junior Championship Cup, and grandson Richard getting a hole-in-one on his only visit to the course, there may not have been space for any other names on the various competition boards.

He also sent an old photo (above right) and felt it could be interesting to see if any of the golfers are still in Barry, and if any of them are still playing golf?

George Williams, John Moody, Bish Hawkes, Paddy McCarthy, Mervyn John, Harry Evans, The Sudden-Smiths, Vi Evans, Frank Smedley, Reg Webber and the old pro Norman Hazel – where are you?

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This picture was taken in 1952 - can anyone recognise the faces?

BARRIVALE RESULTS

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M A Hardy Ltd - New Farm, Port Road, Barry - Erection of a harvested biomass storage building.
Vale Orangeries - 1 Clos y Wiwer, Llanwit Major - Orangery extension to rear of property.
Mr Michael James - White Lodge, Peterston-super-Ely - Porch to front of dwelling and removal of prefabricated garage and replaced with double garage with a lowered floor and living pitched roof.
Mr Ross Flanigan - 92 Laverock Road, Penarth - Single storey extension and loft conversion with three roof dormers.
Mr Warren Pembery - 29 Colcot Road, Barry - Rear and side two storey extension and loft conversion.
Mr and Mrs David Smith - 13

Coleridge Avenue, Penarth - Single storey rear extension.
Mr Bailey - Church Farm, Ystradoden - Glazed link between existing dwelling and annex.
Waitrose Ltd - Palmerston Road, Barry - Replacement petrol station sign.
Mr and Mrs Reed - Chinchona, Twynycn, Dinas Powys - Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.
Mrs Lesley Gillingham - 31 West Terrace, Penarth - Two storey and single storey rear extensions (existing rear extension to be removed).
Mr and Mrs Nigel Sullivan - Wharncliffe, Swanbridge Road, Sully - Replacement dwelling.
Mr Christopher Williams - The Three Tuns, St Nicholas - Insert two steel beams in roof space to prevent further deflection of roof structure.
Mr Andrew White - South corner of garden of 16 Maes Glas,

Barry - Remove ash tree.
Mr Jay Ward - 19 Boyerton Court, Bovertown - Single storey outbuilding to rear of garden.
Mr D Ellis - 2 Harbour View Cottages, Northcliffe Drive, Penarth - Proposed alterations, first floor side extension and ground floor rear extension with covered balcony above.
Mr Gareth Lucas - UK Hydrosides, Water Park House, Green Lane, Llanwit Major - Log style portacabin to replace the two caravans at rear of factory units. The caravans had full planning permission and were used as office space, rest area/room and storage.
Mr Steve May - The Coach House, rear of 219 Holton Road, Barry - Conversion of existing retail and office into two residential dwellings.
Fitz Project Management - Three Horseshoes Inn, Moulton - Change of use from manager's flat to three lettable tourist rooms.
Mr Nigel Cottle - Westmoor Barn, Primrose Hill, Cowbridge - Conversion of existing garage into granny flat annex and provision of new detached garage.
Mr and Mrs Hawkins - The Old Farm, St Hilary - Conservatory to rear elevation.
Miss Kathryn Clarke - Ty Robin Goch, Robins Lane, Barry - Change of use from respite care centre to mixed use of playgroup during the day and respite care at evenings at weekends.
Mrs Rita Cook - 22 Collard Crescent, Barry - Construction of porch.
Mr Richard Cole - 35 Grove Terrace, Penarth - Rear two storey extension and loft conversion to 35 Grove Terrace, Penarth.
Mr Stuart Jenkins - 14 Crescent Close, Cowbridge - Proposed two story side extension.

DO your grandchildren set your video recorder for you? Do they help you to send emails? Do they tweak your photographs for you?

Knowledge and skills are funny things. What is easy for some is difficult for others.

We are all aware that everybody is different and that each of us has a different combination of abilities.

We know that knowledge or skills do not arrive fully formed (child prodigies excepted), but accumulate over time with revision and practice.

We find that we learn more easily and remember the things we are interested in.

We become more accomplished in the skills for which we find we have an aptitude and enjoyment reinforces the process of development.

Adults can be uncomfortable with computers because they find it necessary to go through a learning process whereas young children already use and are comfortable with them. Age and experience is not helping as it should

and that inhibits confidence at the start.

Visitors or new members will sometimes be heard to murmur "way over my head" and be somewhat disappointed. This is exactly where the computer club can help.

The members understand that people new to computing can be daunted by the variety of things that it is possible to do and by the technology involved.

They can explain the friendly atmosphere and the willingness to help out.

Many have been coming for years and still learn something at every meeting. It all takes time, but happens at a pace to suit the individual.

Because people are different, courses of computer training, useful though they often are, can be too fast for one person and too slow for another on the same course.

Penarth Computer Club tries to give new starters in September a boost by concentrating on the basics. In the new year we progress to improving skills according to what the members want to hear about. Talks are concentrated on how to use com-

puters, not how to build them. After all, most people watch TV without a pressing wish to build their own set. How many drivers need to be able to build a car?

As with most things in life there are so many things that it is possible to do, that you can't do everything. (Mind you, Roy Castle was able to play every instrument in the band.)

Personally, I like to be able to do odd little things to achieve an effect and to read the agony columns to see how problems are solved. (The hard part of that is remembering the answers.)

Maybe your aim should be to show your grandchildren how to do things better than they are able to at present. Wouldn't that be a turnaround!

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, July 12 at All Saints Lesser Hall at 8pm. This is an open evening supporting the Penarth Holiday Festival. Visitors welcome. Free entry, tea and biscuits. Find out what we do. Enquiries to me on 02920 708439 or visit penarthcomputerclub.co.uk.

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South Wales Scorpions' trip to London ends in a very close defeat

SOUTH Wales Scorpions had to settle for a bonus point in the English capital on Saturday after a 27–26 defeat to London Skolars.

The teams tied on tries and conversions, it was simply a Dylan Skee drop-goal that was the difference.

He scored the crucial one-pointer with three minutes to go following a period of threatening attacks from the home side.

The Scorpions gained a bonus point but the Skolars are now just three points behind the Welsh side in the Co-operative Championship 1 table.

Skolars took the lead in less that two minutes after Scorpions gave away a scrum on their own ten metre line.

LONDON SKOLARS 27
SOUTH WALES SCORPIONS 26

Jaroslaw Obuchowski after good work from Clough; Reece converted.

Skolars restored the balance four minutes later when Obuchowski went over in the corner for his second, Skee missing the kick.

Gay went over for his second and Scorpions 1,000th ever point on 23 minutes. Reece missed the kick.

Scorpions then levelled the scores ten minutes later.

Steve Parry went over for a typically close range try, his ninth of the season, and Reece added the extras.

They took the lead on 36 minutes, when Dalton Grant skillfully scored in the corner after catching the ball from Bromilow's long pass.

Reece did well to convert to give Scorpions a 22–16 advantage at half-time.

Skolars got back into the game two minutes

into the second half when Ade Adebisi finished off a fine passing move to score in the corner.

Skee missed the kick.

Gay went for his hat-trick, trying to charge over in the corner but was forced into touch by Dave Arnot.

At the other end, Scorpions had a narrow escape when James Anthony was put in space by Cariern Clement-Pascall but he dropped the ball when clear to score.

Scorpions increased their lead to six points when Curtis Cunningham went over in the corner but Reece missed the tricky kick.

It didn't last long when Adebisi scored his second after Sam Gee's pass with Dylan Skee's goal levelling the scores before kicking the crucial point.

The same man missed a penalty in the final seconds, but it wouldn't have made any difference to the final result.

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Barry gymnasts at the agility championships.

Tumbling Barry gymnasts take a hatful of medals

BARRY YMCA gymnasts recently tumbled their way to a host of medals at the Welsh Novice Age Group Championships.

Each gymnast had to perform three different tumbles and did so with great enthusiasm.

In the Level 3 9–10 years event, there was also success for Caitlin Lord, Ffion Jackson, Tesni Gardiner and Tia Ali as they claimed the silver team medal.

Tesni also secured an individual spot on the podium claiming third place overall.

Chloe

Gabb,

Elisha

Watkins,

Kelsey

Cross,

Lucy

Miles

and Megan

Sully

experienced similar success to their club-mates, claiming the bronze medal in the Level 2 9–10 years event.

Their younger club-mates Caitlin Meadows, Dee Clarke, Lara Watkins, Saffron Maurice and Seren Williams also climbed onto the podium claiming the bronze team

medal in the Level 2 8 years competition.

Volunteers Aimee Beechey McCarthy, Bethan Goddard, Bethany Hawkins, Karen Davies, Kirby Goddard, Lauren Webb, Leanne Jones, Olivia Parry and Stacey

Webb for their continued years event.

Congratulations to all work at the club.

KAREN DAVIES

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In the league match at Bridgend, Centurions gained revenge for the opening day defeat by their opponents with a winning draw and the lion's share of the points.

Sully had Will Bragg (33) and the in-form Lloyd Smith (66) to thank for building up a significant total.

Middle order contributions from Chris Thorne (25) Tom Evison (21) and Daniel Rowe (18) kept the scoreboard ticking over nicely.

Skipper Jamie Sylvester was 34 not out at the end of the 50 overs as Centurions finished on 239 for 8.

The Bridgend innings was barely into its second over when David Goodway was yorked by Daniel Rowe for a duck. This was followed immediately by the wicket of Glamorgan's Mike Powell for another duck.

However, the partnership of Wadlan (39) and Humphries (38) was worth 80 runs to the home side.

Of the remaining batsmen, only Baker, who was not out 53, was able to make any headway against the Sully attack, for whom Lloyd Bruce took 3-26.

Two wickets each for Dan Rowes and Tom Evison and one for Jamie Sylvester left the Bridgend side hanging on for the draw at the end.

Bridgend 199-8; Sully 239-8.

SECOND XI

THE Second XI entertained Bridgend Seconds at

Burnham Avenue.

Centurions got to 22 before losing the wicket of Rhett Jones for 5. Then there was a partnership of 46 between Matthew Thomas, who had hit a quickfire 34 including two huge 6s, was caught off the bowling of Pearce.

The score went from 68 for 2 to 116 all out, with 8 wickets falling for 48 runs, including the final four wickets for just one run.

First to go was Ellis for 27

stumped off Osbourne. He was then followed by Callow (1),

Rose (9), Williams (20), Sullivan (0) and Miller (0), all (18) kept the scoreboard ticking over nicely.

Skipper Jamie Sylvester was 34 not out at the end of the 50 overs as Centurions finished on 239 for 8.

The other wickets were the run-outs of James Haswell and Ben Spear, who is starting to show his maturity. Ben scored 13, another good knock from the young man.

Sully really needed to take early wickets but were unable to as the visitors lost only two wickets in the quest for the target.

These were Stanton for 10 (bowled by the ever improving Ben Callow) and Spradbury for 26, brilliantly caught by Matthew Thomas off the bowling of Rhett Jones.

Bridgend reached the total of 117 for 2 with 32 overs to spare, with opener Ian Henry not out 42.

Sully 116 all out; Bridgend 117-2.

THIRD XI

THE Thirds hosted Panteg at Wenvoe and came away with an impressive eight wicket victory – thanks to a very good all round team performance.

The visitors batted first and although no early wickets fell,

they found the going tough against the Sully attack. Once the breakthrough had been made, the wickets began to tumble.

Nathan Cuddihy picked up 3 for 28 and Nick Jones a remarkable 3 for 7 – ably backed by Liam Bennett (1 for 35) and Sam Banga (2 for 8) as well as good support in the field – and the Panteg innings came to an end on 86 after just 25 overs.

In response, Nick Jones and Max Pryce wasted no time chasing down the target. Nick was eventually lbw to Joshi for 34, but Max carried his bat for 39 and the total was achieved in the 23rd over.

Sully 87-2; Panteg 86 all out.

THIRD XI

THE Fourths travelled to Panteg for this league encounter, and again came away with a fantastic win.

Terry Sylvester and Luke Burnett set the tone with an opening stand of 71.

Terry went for 12 and Luke eventually fell for a very good 31, but the undoubted batting hero was Peter Barnett, who achieved his very first half century.

He was eventually bowled by Jenkins for a marvellous 63, which included 11 boundaries. Mark Burnett (34) and Geoff Kingston (16 not out) kept the runs flowing and by the time the 45 overs were complete, Centurions had reached 222 for 9.

The wickets were spread out between Jenkins, Evans and Pepper, who took three each.

It didn't take long for Sully to start chalking up the wickets. In the fourth over, Scott

McMillan had McMahon trapped lbw for just 3. This was followed in the very next over when Josh Bryan bowled Edwards for 4 to leave the hosts on 14 for 2.

A stubborn fight back gave Panteg some hope as Jenkins and White took the score along to 85 for the third wicket when Jenkins was caught by Mark Burnett off the bowling of son Luke for 38.

Only White showed any more resistance and he went on to make a very good 51 not out as the rest of the wickets tumbled around him.

The Centurions bowlers shared the wickets around – Luke Burnett and Lewis Cuddihy picked up two wickets, with one each for Josh Bryan, Scott McMillan, Iwan Baker and Mark Burnett.

The Panteg total was 92 runs short of the target and the innings closed in the 36th over.

Panteg 130 all out; Sully 222-9.

RUNNERS-UP SPOT

ON Sunday, Centurions took part in the Swalec Premier League 20/20 finals at the Swalec Stadium in Cardiff and ended as runners-up.

In the first semi-final, Sully trounced Nyngywerwn by 80 runs. Lloyd Smith hit a fantastic 77 from 55 balls, including seven 4s and three 6s as Centurions enjoyed themselves in the sun.

Good support from Owen Dawkins (10), Gareth Sullivan (11), with 20 from Tom Evison and a fine 29 not out by Daniel Rowe took the score along to 161 for 4 after the 20 overs.

In response, the West Wales side was unable to get any

momentum going. Only Howell (25) and Lloyd (14) had any answer to the accurate bowling.

Wickets fell with regularity as the Centurion bowlers began turning the screw. Tom Evison came away with 4 for 22, with great work by Dan Rowe (2 for 10) a wicket each for Jamie Sylvester, Lloyd Bruce and Owen Dawkins, along with a run out, meant that Nyngywerwn were skittled out for just 81 in 17 overs.

Sully 161-4; Nyngywerwn 81 all out.

The final was a different affair altogether. Opponents Ammanford batted first and lost an early wicket when Daniel Rowe bowled Evans for 1, with the score on 6.

Tom Evison dismissed Davies in the sixth over to leave Ammanford on 23 for 2, but a third wicket stand of 39 from Salter and Harries (22) and a marvellous fourth wicket partnership of 66 between Salter (59) and Evans (30 n/o) helped the score along to 134 for 4 after 20 overs.

Dan Rowe (2 for 30) along with Tom Evison (1 for 28) and Lloyd Bruce (1 for 28) were the wicket takers.

Some early wickets meant that Centurions were always playing catch up.

By the seventh over, Sully were in trouble at 35 for 4. In spite of a bit of a recovery that saw Dan Rowe top scoring with 29, and Jamie Sylvester (12), Gareth Davies (13) and Lloyd Smith (13) helping the cause, there was to be no repeat of last year's victory, as Centurions ended 16 runs short.

Ammanford 134-4; Sully 118 all out.

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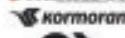
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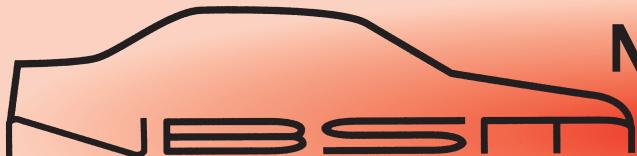
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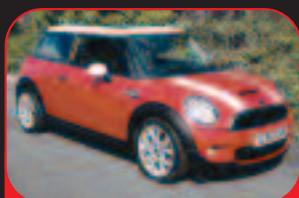
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A team of boys and girls from the school stumped their rivals from 16 other local primary schools in the county's annual Kwik Cricket festival, held at Penarth Athletic Ground.

The competition, organised by the Vale Council's Dragon Sport team and sponsored by ASDA, has been giving youngsters a fantastic introduction to the sport for several years.

Kwik cricket is a simplified high-speed version of the game, and is both fast and fun, letting children experience every aspect of cricket.

Nearly 200 pupils took part, and the Vale's Dragon sport assistant Pete Hardwick said: "By playing to the rules of



Festival winners Romilly Primary School in to bat against Ysgol Iolo Morganwg.

Valeways walks

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Kwik cricket, with ages them to play without fear, really go for their shots and try out new skills.

He added: "I would like to thank everyone who helped make the day such a success and run smoothly, including the groundsman Andrew Cripps. Congratulations to the pupils from Romilly, who will now go on to play in the regional finals of the Kwik cricket competition at the Swalec Stadium in Cardiff on July 12."

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LADS GO ANGLING!

EVERY year, the Seaview Lads hold a weekend competition to catch the most species.

This gives us a chance to showcase the wide number of species around our local shorelines and this year, 13 different species were weighed in.

Honours (again) went to Gary Morgan, easily taking the trophy with seven different species, including a 10lb-plus Smoothhound.

Results: 1st, Gary Morgan – seven species (Mackerel, Wrasse, Pollack, Conger, Dogfish, Common Smoothhound, Starry Smoothhound); 2nd, Paul Coles – five species (Dogfish, poor Cod, Silver, Conger, Spotted Ray); 3rd, Roy Harding – four species

(Mackerel, Wrasse, Pollack, Dogfish); 4th, Jody Velda – three species (Shore Rockling, Dogfish, Starry Smoothhound); 5th, Ada Harris – two species (Dogfish, Pouting); 5th, Roger Green – two species (Dogfish, Conger).

Other fishing has been mixed with strong winds hampering one recent match that our chairman, Steve Doble, won. He landed six dogs, a spotted ray and a tope for a 10lb 6oz winning weight.

Second was Paul Coles with four dogs and a nice 3lb 12oz spotted ray. In third was Louther with five dogs and top caster Chippy had one dog.

Ladies progress in team Cup

A COTTRELL Park ladies team entered the Welsh team championships and made good progress.

The team consisted of Helen Little, Gemma Bradbury, Katie Bradbury, Kay Bradbury and Sandra Collin with reserve Helen Poole.

They progressed well, knocking out Royal Porthcawl at local level before travelling to Aberystwyth; they progressed to the quarter finals by beating Abergele, then Conwy and after a hard fought match they lost to Haverford West, who were the eventual runners up to Newport.

Cottrell Park is a relatively new club, the ladies have made excellent progress and this was their best result at the championships to date.

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Point-to-point will return to Bonvilston

GOOD news for hunt-racing fans in the Vale is that there will be point-to-point racing at Redlands Farm, Bonvilston, next season after all.

Farmer Tudor Harris, who owns the land the races are held on, has had a change of mind after being given some assurances by members of the Pentrech Hunt Club and this is great news as Bonvilston, which is the home of the Welsh Point-to-Point Grand National. Is one of the best point-to-point courses in Wales.

The Llangeinor Hunt Point-To-Point, which will no longer be held at Laleston, will be moving to a new course next season which has yet to be named.

There was a time when the Llangeinor, Pentrech and Glamorgan hunts all held their meetings at Penllyn, Cowbridge, and there will be many hunt-racing enthusiasts who have happy memories of watching the races from the natural grandstand on the slopes of Penllyn Castle.

BRYN'S CHEPSTOW WINNER

Tredodridge trainer Bryn Palling had a welcome winner at Chepstow last week

when his eight-year-old bay mare Corrib, well ridden by Catherine Gannon, justified being made a 9-2 favourite by beating 25-1 outsider Cuckoo Rock in a field of 12 runners.

ISABEL IMPROVING

Leading Welsh amateur rider Isabel Tompsett, who is well known in the Vale and was injured in a horrific race riding accident at Fakenham in

May, is said to be improving by 'leaps and bounds'.

Apparently, Isabel, who is still hospitalised in Cambridgeshire, has had a short telephone conversation with her friend Sally Randell who up until recently was based in Pyle.

Isabel has also sat up in bed for a short period and things are looking a lot better than what they did a few weeks ago.

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GEM sport

Ridgwell leads Wanderers to unlikely victory

A TALISMATIC knock of 94 not out by Tom Ridgwell helped preserve Barry Wanderers' 2nd XI three-year unbeaten home record against a very capable Pencoed side.

In a game in which the Wanderers were second best for large parts, Ridgwell's heroics dragged his men over the line to win in the penultimate over by four wickets.

Missing at least half a dozen regulars, and with regular captain Chris Barnes absent on a whale-watching trip, it was a nervous Wanderers outfit that took to the field at the start of play.

Some wayward bowling and abject fielding enabled the visitors to canter past 50 in just the 12th over for the solitary loss of Graham Davies, bowled by KP Nakkanti for 17.

Veterans Mills and Waterhouse then put on 129 for the second wicket with few alarms, the latter reaching 51 before attempting one cheeky single too many.

A total of 39 wides bears testimony to the inaccuracy of the Wanderers' bowling and it was only after the introduction of Mark Ellis and Paul Wade that the home side looked like keeping the score under 250.

Ellis, with 3 for 40, was once again the pick of the attack, sensibly opting for bowling straight and on a length.

Mills, batting sensibly throughout, carried his bat for 70 not out as Pencoed reached a more than respectable 224 for 8 off their allotted 45 overs.

FIRST XI

BARRY Wanderers' three-match winning streak was brought to a crushing end on Saturday as they suffered a heavy defeat at the hands of Abercarn.

With four batsmen missing from last week's top six, the Wanderers were always going to be up against it with willow in hand.

However, after skipper Jamie Keir won the toss and elected to bowl first on a grassy wicket, the visitors' opening attack of Lane and Bowles went about their business with fiery

With the ball swinging considerably, it was left to Matthew Burgin and Ridgwell to rebuild the

Players required

PARK LIONS are looking for current year-4 children (year-5 in September) to strengthen their team.

We train on a Monday night at the Buttrills playing fields, starting at 6pm.

If you like playing football and having fun and would like to find out more, contact Kim on 01446 738486.

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BARRY OLYMPIANS SNATCH BOCCE GOLD



Susan George



Heather Williams

AS Athens experienced a day of rioting and strikes, the 157 athletes on the Special Olympics GB team stayed calm and two Barry competitors picked up three podium medals between them.

The second main day of competition brought Special Olympics Great Britain 41 medals in one day for a total of 45, with an astounding 20 gold, 10 silver and 15 bronze medals.

The bocce team, which included Barry competitors Heather Williams, aged 39, and 51-year-old Susan George, clinched gold in the top division thanks to a stunning victory over South Africa in the final.

Susan also secured a silver medal in bocce singles.

The 2011 Special Olympics World Games is the biggest global sporting event of the year and features over 7,000 athletes with learning disabilities from 180 nations. A total of 157 athletes from across England, Scotland and Wales are competing for GB in 17 different sports.

Town look for local support

BARRY TOWN
Supporters Committee can confirm entry of Barry Town AFC into the Welsh League and Welsh Cup for the season 2011-12.

This is a great first step for the committee since they took on the responsibility of funding the team through the forthcoming season.

It is up to the committee and supporters alike to ensure that the money required to get through the season is raised.

The BTSC will also need the help of local businesses in raising this money.

It is going to be a tough season but there is an amazing optimism amongst the supporters that, slowly but surely, they are getting their club back.

Former manager Gavin Chesterfield has returned to the club, along with Damon Searle and Mike Cosslett.

Pre-season training started on July 1 and despite all the recent difficulties, Gavin and his backroom team are confident that the club will be fielding a competitive side in the Welsh

It was a decent performance with the ball, but not good enough with the bat. However, it shouldn't diminish the good performances of recent weeks and expectations are high that they can bounce back next week against Llanarth.

The SofaSofa Barry Wanderers man of the match was Chris Lane.

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start of the new season.

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BARRY ATHLETIC BOWLS NEWS

Athletic continue their impressive run

PLAYED eight – won seven – that's the impressive record of Barry Athletic's 'A' team in the PG2 programme to date.

The Athletic maintained their sparkling form in ideal conditions at Penarth Windsor last Saturday, where they collected a maximum 14 points – and the double over the home club – to add to their overall win against Cardiff BC the previous week.

The Athletic second team are currently producing promotion form with all four rinks outstanding at Windsor.

Skip Colin Spillane was again in confident mood and inspired his rink of Don Evans, Derek Coombs and Dave Newman to a 21-8 scorecard, the best rink of the day.

John Donovan, making a rare appearance in the second string at skip, was not far behind Colin with a 23-12 success, having coasted to a 20-4 lead after 14 ends.

Skip Billy Wright came in with a 27-19 win, while Ivor Stevenson's rink edged home 22-21, thanks to a shot-saving last end by Ivor that helped clinch the overall 14 points.

Scores: J Davies, R James, G Jones, G Whittaker 23-13; C Phillips, J Coll, C Wright, DK Williams 25-10; J Ball, J Horgan, A Mintern, D Newman 18-28; C Rossiter, A Piddock, B Parrish, C Spillane 25-15; G Gane, J Morton, J Beanland, D Summerell, B Wright 27-19.

Perfect conditions greeted Barry Athletic for their fourth Centenary match of the season.

Welsh Private Greens were the latest bowling association to join in the Island club's celebrations on a Sunday afternoon, the hottest day so far this summer.

The Athletic rinks, carefully selected by non-playing captain of the day, Gareth Humphreys, had comfortable wins against teams representing clubs throughout south Wales.

DK Williams skipped the top rink (25-10) and received great support from his young No 3 Chris Wright, who produced a number of winning shots.

Other successful skips were Geoff Whittaker (23-13), Colin Spillane (25-15) and Dave Snelling (23-12). Dave Newman's rink went down 18-28 against the strongest visiting four, representing Dinas Powys.

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Central win to stay at the top of the league

AFTER a bad defeat to Dinas Powys in the Munro Cup the previous Wednesday, Barry Central were looking forward to the visit of Cadoxton A in their Cardiff and District Division 5 game on Saturday at Gladstone Gardens.

Central, at the top of the league with a great start and were nine shots up after 10 ends. This stirred the Cadoxton team, skipped by R Hardinge, to fight back with some good

bowling and managed to pick up 12 shots in nine ends without reply from the Central rink.

This fightback by Cadoxton gave them a victory by four shots. John Jones' rink, with Alan Rogers playing in

the lead, had a great start and were looking to consolidate their position and this they managed to do winning overall by 36 shots.

Ted Hudd's rink had an excellent start, picking up a six on the first end. This lead continued throughout the game and after 10 ends they were in the lead by seven shots,

with the visitors fighting back with a four on the 16th end. Ted and his team came out victors by seven shots.

Skipper Alan Davies also had a great start and after 10 ends were 11 shots ahead. Alan's rink, which included I Hooper making a welcome return to the Central rink.

All are welcome with the club facilities, bar and refreshments available all week.

Entry forms can be obtained by visiting the club website www.dinaspowisbowlingclub.com or by contacting the club on 02920 512131.

Dinas captain Martin Seaford thanked the Murch for the game and their hospitality, with the Murch captain vowing to gain revenge next year.

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Championship heads to Dinas

DINAS POWIS Bowls Club host the 93rd men's open championship of Wales, starting on Sunday, August 7 with the final taking place on Sunday, August 14.

The mixed teams of 6 rinks enjoyed a close match with Dinas, winning on 3 rinks and drawing on 1 rink, leaving Murch winning on 2 rinks. Dinas came out on top with a 105 to 98 shot win, a slender lead of 7 shots.

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